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## THREE MORE ITALIAN OUTPOSTS TAKEN IN UNCHECKED ADVANCE

Unconfirmed Report Says British Already Attacking Important Base of Bardia—Pressure on Enemy Increasing as New Forces Arrive—R.A.F. Continues Punishing Raids

CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 17 (AP).—Britain's army in Africa reported today the capture of three additional Italian frontier forts, and rolled on toward the important Fascist base of Bardia in the counter-invasion of Italian Libya.

(Reuters' News Agency reported that British mechanized units were attacking Bardia itself, and that about the town heavy fighting was raging.)

The offensive, far from slackening as had been expected in some quarters with the ousting of the last invading Italian from Egypt, appeared actually to be gathering power, the British command declared.

**PRESSURE INCREASING**  
"Pressure on the enemy is steadily increasing as new forces arrive."

The latest Italian outpost to fall to the British and Imperial forces, an official communiqué said, were the Forts of Musaid, Sidi Omar and Shefferzen. Their occupation, along with the previously-reported seizure of Fort Capuzzo, gave British command a substantial segment of the eastern Libyan border area.

The drive upon Bardia—a seaport which has been under bombardment by the Mediterranean Fleet and the Royal Air Force—threatened an important Fascist line of communication, for that town commands the coastal road westward to Tobruk, the strongest Italian centre in Libya.

British sources said they were uncertain whether the Italian communication line had been wholly cut as yet.

Communications during the day made no mention of the number of

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## FIRE STARTED BY EXPLOSION

At Least Five Injured in Montreal—Ten Houses Destroyed

MONTREAL, Dec. 18 (Wednesday) (CP).—Ten homes in Montreal's East End were destroyed or burning fiercely early this morning, an hour after a terrific explosion that was believed to have originated behind one of the buildings.

At 11:15 p.m., P.S.T., the flames were still spreading. Five persons had been removed to hospital, and at least one was believed still trapped in the blazing wreckage. Sleeping residents for blocks around were awakened by the force of the blast.

Force of the explosion blew debris at least two blocks.

**A THIRD ALARM**  
Firefighters responding to a third alarm which brought half the entire fire equipment of Montreal to the scene, found flames shooting 100 feet in the air. Police threw a cordon half a mile square around the blazing building to allow free passage of fire equipment and ambulances.

Force of the blast blew a gallery door from one of the houses across the street and through a wooden fence into a field beyond. The crash of the explosion awakened residents for blocks around.

At 3 a.m. (11 p.m., P.S.T.), police cleared a large number of spectators from the scene, saying they feared a second explosion.

**FLAMES ROAR SKYWARD**  
One witness said the explosion seemed to come from between the walls of the flats. The fire broke out simultaneously, and in a few minutes the flames were roaring to the sky. The first firemen to arrive turned in a second alarm almost at once, and the third followed within fifteen minutes.

**JOINT DEFENCE BOARD MEETS IN NEW YORK**

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (CP).—The Canada-United States Permanent Joint Defence Board met for five-and-one-half hours today.

Mayor La Guardia, chairman of the United States division, said only that the members "worked 'all through the session."

The next meeting is scheduled for January 20 in a Canadian city yet to be determined.

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## Holly to Aid Lord Mayor's Fund



Taken at the holly farm of B. Montfort, Gordon Head, the picture shows a portion of one of the huge bins of holly that is being packed for shipment to points in Canada and abroad. The entire proceeds from the sale of the holly is to be given to the Lord Mayor's Fund in England. Shown above are Mrs. J. Bridge and her son, Jim, packing the green and red branches into cardboard cartons for shipment.

## British Flyers in Heavy Attack on Nazis' Key Bases

Industrial City of Mannheim Subjected to Bombing for Seven Hours—Submarine Base at Bordeaux Another Principal Target for Royal Air Force—Much Damage Observed

LONDON, Dec. 17 (AP).—British bombers delivered a seven-hour assault upon the German industrial city of Mannheim in the heaviest of a series of overnight raids from Western Germany to the submarine base at Bordeaux, France, the Air Ministry announced today. Six merchantmen off the French coast were attacked during daylight raids on several airfields.

Heavy explosions from the direction of the French coast were heard tonight along the coast, indicating that British bombers were making a heavy attack upon German bases across the Channel.

In pounding upon Mannheim for the second time in five days, the Royal Air Force singled out this chief industrial centre of the Upper Rhine for a fiery dose of the same medicine the Germans have given some of Britain's own industrial cities.

**DAMAGE ADMITTED**  
The German High Command said ten persons were killed, fifty injured and damage inflicted in Western and Southwestern Germany, with Mannheim and another unnamed town bearing the brunt of the attacks. It said two factories were hit, but claimed the effect on production was "immaterial."

An airline dye factory at Ludwigshafen, a suburb of Mannheim, "one of the largest in Germany, was set well alight, the fires being

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## THIRTEEN DIE IN BIG BLAST

Cincinnati Tenement Block Torn Asunder by Mysterious Explosion

CINCINNATI, Dec. 17 (AP).—A blast that left almost no two bricks joined by mortar, nor timbers by spikes, killed thirteen men, women and children of five families in an old downtown tenement before dawn today.

A dozen other persons, saved only because they lived on upper floors of the three-story building and came down on top of the rubble instead of under it, were injured, none seriously.

**CAUSE NOT KNOWN**  
What caused the explosion, which splintered windows for blocks and drove bricks through nearby walls, only one man apparently knew, and he was fatally injured.

Joseph Feldman, deputy state fire marshal, investigated a report that three crocks filled with a highly explosive fluid had been stored in the basement by a tenant.

The man who might have been able to say what happened was Joseph P. Koebe, thirty-three, operator of a general appliance shop on the ground floor.

**Powder Plant in Sweden Explodes**

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 17 (AP).—A Swedish powder plant at Björnsbo, in Vaermland Province, near the Norwegian frontier, was reported to have blown up today, injuring at least fifteen persons. It was feared that others may have been killed.

## ROOSEVELT PROPOSES TO LEND WAR MATERIALS TO AID BRITAIN

President to Ask U.S. Congress to Approve Plan Whereby British Orders Would Be Taken Over By Government and Production Leased to Be Repaid in Kind After the War

**Would Eliminate Dollar Sign For Gentlemen's Obligation**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP).—President Roosevelt tonight announced a sweeping new plan for helping Great Britain, under which the United States Government would take over future British war orders and release the materials for use abroad on a lease or mortgage basis to be repaid in kind after the war.

Under the plan, planes and guns, for example, would be leased to Britain. After the war, if they were still in good condition, Britain would be expected to give them back. If they had been destroyed, she would be obligated to furnish the United States with equivalent weapons.

In a long discussion of the proposal at his first press conference since he returned from a Caribbean cruise, he said it was still in the exploratory stage and would require time to work out both here and in London.

**HAS SUFFICIENT MONEY**  
He did not go into details about the cost of the plan to the United States, except to say that the United States has sufficient money to do it.

Stressing that the best defence of the United States is to aid Great Britain, Mr. Roosevelt declared emphatically that his proposal would not take the country nearer to actual participation in the war.

The plan, or something like it, he said, would be presented to the new Congress convening in January. But he said it involved no changes in the Neutrality Act or the Johnson Law which forbids loans to defaulting nations.

**GENTLEMEN'S OBLIGATION**  
The President described his objective broadly as the elimination of the dollar sign in connection with help for Britain and substitution of a gentleman's obligation. Meanwhile, as the intensive new

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## PLACING CARDS ON THE TABLE

Consider "Financial Aid" Badly Chosen Term for Economic Co-operation

LONDON, Dec. 17 (AP).—London political circles tonight interpreted the news that Britain has asked United States for financial aid as "merely pursuing the policy of placing our cards on the table."

The British viewpoint was that "financial aid" was an "unfortunate" choice of phraseology for what really would amount to "economic co-operation between the British Empire and America."

**SUGGESTED FORMS**  
It was suggested such "co-operation" might take the form of buying from Britain large quantities of rubber and tin, and paying for them in advance or granting credits to the Canadian Government.

One point on which general agreement was expressed by British sources was that Britain has ordered presumably as much as she can pay for with "hard cash," and the ability to "pay across the counter" is reaching a visible end.

The view also was expressed that the stage was being set for a "most interesting and vital discussion when the United States Congress meets."

One British expert said "we are making our position clear to Americans, and then it will be up to Congress to decide how closely they can collaborate with us in an economic sense in order that democracy be preserved."

## IS SENTENCED TO DIE FOR TREASON

English Court Imposes Death Penalty on Housewife Under Secrets Act

LONDON, Dec. 17 (CP).—Mrs. Dorothy Pamela O'Grady, forty-two, a housewife, was sentenced to death at the Hampshire Assizes today for treason.

She was convicted under the Official Secrets Act and defence regulations. It was announced.

Mrs. O'Grady heard the death sentence entirely unmoved. She was convicted in the Isle of Wight of making a plan "likely to give assistance to military operations of the enemy" and also to cut a military telephone wire.

The charge further accused her of approaching a prohibited place, making a plan "likely to prejudice the defence of the Realm" and possessing a document containing information regarding British defence measures.

## BRITAIN PASSES NO-RAID NIGHT

Flying Conditions Over England Good but No Raiders Appear To Shatter Quiet

LONDON, Dec. 18 (CP).—Another of the periodic lulls which Britain has been experiencing in Nazi raids since the advent of winter weather occurred last night, although flying conditions over England were reported to be good.

Up to an early hour London had not been disturbed and there were no reports of night raiders over the provinces.

The Strait of Dover was calm, with some mist, but there were only a few patches of cloud in a starry sky.

The Air and Home Security Ministries said there was "very slight" German daytime air activity over Britain. No bombings were reported from any section of the country during the day but one German bomber was shot down by British fighters.

## Bonuses to Offset Living Costs Rise Favored for Canada

Order in Council Recommends Adoption of System to Protect Workers—Is Wartime Measure, But Not Compulsory, Minister Says

OTTAWA, Dec. 17 (CP).—A system of "cost-of-living" bonuses instead of wage increases, as a means of protecting workers from any sharp rise in the cost of essentials, is recommended in an order in council adopted for the direction of conciliation boards and made public tonight by Labor Minister McLarty.

The order accepts present wage levels as "reasonably adequate" and prescribes the average levels for 1928-29, inclusive, or any higher levels since established, with certain exceptions, as the basis for recommendations by boards set up under the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act.

These principles are recommended by the Government "for inclusion in all agreements negotiated during the war."

The new order is, in effect, a wartime measure. Although not compulsory, it evidences, according to the minister's announcement, "the Government's concern to forestall a runaway rise in prices."

**POWER TO CONTROL**  
The Wartime Prices and Trade Board, set up at the start of the war, has power to control and regulate the rise in cost of living, and the new order is an effort to bring about control.

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## The King Will Have Message At Christmas

His Majesty the King will speak to his people during a special programme on Christmas Day which will be carried over the Canadian network of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation from 5 to 6:30 a.m. (P.S.T.).

Also slated for the programme will be members of the Polish Air Force, the Czech Army in Great Britain, Allied troops in the Near East as well as those in England.

The broadcast will close with a description of a Christmas dinner in an air raid shelter.



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LONDON, Dec. 17 (CP)—A Scotland Yard report to the Home Office said today alleged Communists had posted agents in underground shelters in attempts to undermine British morale.

The report said several Communists had obtained appointments as shelter marshals.

It added that several hundred leaflets attacking the Government had been distributed.

## Canadians Decorated For Daring Removal Of Unexploded Bomb

Official Gazette Says Capt. D. W. Cunningham and Lieut. J. M. S. Patton Possibly Saved Plant And Lives of Hundreds of Workers

LONDON, Dec. 17 (CP)—The Official Gazette tonight revealed that two Canadian officers decorated by the King received the honors for removing a huge unexploded bomb which endangered a British munitions plant and the lives of hundreds of workers.

The officers were Capt. Douglas W. Cunningham, of Calgary, and Lieut. John M. S. Patton, of Hamilton, Ont., who received the George Cross. The awards were announced yesterday but the citations were not published until tonight. Capt. Cunningham is a son-in-law of Herbert A. Brown, Victoria.

Risking their lives every second they wrestled with the bomb, the young officers of the Royal Canadian Engineers at first tried to tow it away with a truck. But the rope they attached to it kept sliding from the slippery sides of the high explosive missile.

Then they improvised a sled from a piece of corrugated iron and Lieut. Patton rolled the missile onto it "as coolly as if he had been rolling a log into a stream," as a witness put it.

The Canadian then drove a considerable distance in the truck, towing the "package of certain death" behind them. It exploded harmlessly soon after they had dumped it into an old crater.

Commenting upon these first decorations awarded to members of the Canadian Army, Lt.-Gen. A. G. L. McNaghton, corps commander, said:

"The awards are the result of a piece of work which was not only very gallant but most important in its consequences. Had the bomb been allowed to remain where it fell until it exploded, a position of vital importance to munitions production would have been destroyed."

"All members of the Canadian Army in England are naturally most pleased over this recognition of the gallantry and initiative of their comrades."

The brigadier who is chief of the Engineer Corps expressed pride "that these officers have earned such an outstanding award."

The bomb which Lieut. Patton and Capt. Cunningham heroically tackled was laid by a German bomber while they and a company of the Royal Canadian Engineers were helping to repair damage wrought in the vicinity of a previous Nazi raid.

The bomb struck the plant at an angle, crashed through the floor and alighted along until it smashed through a wall into the yard outside. When plant officials called for aid Lieut. Patton responded immediately, although he had been in England only a few days and had no previous experience with bombs.

Capt. Cunningham joined him and the wrestle with death went on for some time before the heavy missile was lodged on the makeshift sled and carried away.

The official citation said Lieut. Patton "displayed conspicuous gallantry in carrying out hazardous work in a very brave manner," while Capt. Cunningham's award was in recognition of "most conspicuous gallantry."

## Ask Citizens to Play Christmas Host to Troops

Citizens of Victoria willing to invite one or more men of the forces—soldiers, sailors or airmen—to their homes at Christmas time are asked to communicate with the central clearing station at the Y.W.C.A., 23412, where volunteer workers will be on hand every day until Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

"Many of the boys stationed here are lonely and would be glad to enjoy some of the comforts of home life," Dorothy Spurr, chairman of the central clearing station, said.

Mrs. Donald McAdie, chairman of the clearing committee, said that the response of citizens as a whole had been splendid since the appeal was first made. "Of course, there's a week to go, but we would like to get all invitations in immediately so that we can place as many boys as possible."

WINN SCHOLARSHIP  
VANCOUVER, Dec. 17 (CP)—James B. Brown, twenty-one-year-old son of Dr. J. G. Brown, principal of Union Theological College, and graduate of the University of British Columbia, was named British Columbia Rhodes scholar for 1941 here tonight by the provincial selection committee.

Attorney-General Gordon S. Wismer, K.C., and Mrs. Wismer were presented with a handsome tea and coffee service in Sheffield plate yesterday by senior officials of the department. The gift, which was in honor of the recent marriage of the Attorney-General, was accompanied by felicitations from the senior officials of the service. Matched candlesticks accompanied the table service.

JAPANESE KILLED  
VANCOUVER, Dec. 17 (CP)—Kumimatsu Tanaka, Japanese employee of B.C. Fir & Cedar Co. Ltd., was killed here today when run over by a lumber carrier. An inquest will be held Wednesday.

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## Appoints Local Tribunal



MR. JUSTICE W. M. MARTIN

Rentals Administrator at Ottawa, who completed a two-day visit to Victoria yesterday while investigating housing conditions across Canada. He appointed Judge Herbert H. Shandley as chairman of the local rental committee. Also serving on the committee are Alderman Burgess J. Gadsden and H. J. Davis, barrister.

prisoners out of the desert continues. In some cases prisoners are loaded on to captured trucks and drive them to the railroad themselves.

There is only one recorded case of an Italian prisoner trying to escape. A young officer jumped from a train, but was recaptured shortly afterward.

ROUND-UP CONTINUES  
The round-up of stray Italian soldiers continues, in many cases at their own request.

As a party of newspaper correspondents was breaking camp where we had spent the night outside Buqub, three Libyans, one with an eye shot out, appeared and asked us for three things: bread, water and to be taken prisoner.

Three correspondents attached to the Australian forces armed with one unloaded rifle soon rounded up and delivered to the military twenty prisoners.

During the last day or two I have seen thousands of Italian prisoners marching to Sidi Barrani along a Roman road they themselves had built and named Victory Way.

The dejected columns passed monuments erected by Mussolini and inscribed with such of his maxims as:

"Those who stand still are lost."  
**BRITISH USE ROAD**  
These Italians had hoped to march into the valley of the Nile and on

## SAFETY SOUGHT FOR NAVAL MEN

Traffic Suggestions Made to Esquimalt Council to Prevent Accidents

Certain safety suggestions in the interests of naval ratings were suggested by Commander W. B. L. Holms, in charge of the Naval Barracks, in a letter considered by members of the Esquimalt Municipal Council at the final meeting of the year held last night.

The letter followed a communication from the Esquimalt Chief of police to Commander Holms, asking that naval ratings keep to the right side of the road when walking to and from the barracks to avoid accidents from automobiles.

Referring to the large number of men at the barracks, and in view of the recent injury received by two sailors, Commander Holms made four suggestions: (a) that a fifteen-mile per hour speed limit be set on Admirals Road, from the E. & N. Railway south to the foot of London Street; (b) a constable from time to time be present between 4:30 and 5 p.m. outside the main gate of the barracks and Government Drydock to keep traffic open and prevent buses parking in the roadway; (c) a sidewalk be constructed along Admirals Road to the railway crossing; and (d) adequate lighting be provided along Admirals Road from the Barracks main gate to Esquimalt Road.

LEFT TO NEW COUNCIL  
Without much discussion, the council decided to leave the matter over for a decision by the incoming council of 1941.

A communication from the municipal solicitor advised that the council had no power to give a refund on the purchase price of a lot. Recently a buyer claimed a refund on the grounds that other lots nearby had been sold by the council for a lesser sum. It was felt by councillors that a new policy covering the sale price of municipal lots might be evolved by next year's council.

Reeve Alex Lockley commented on the apathetic attitude of voters, judging by the small ballot cast at last Saturday's elections. He felt this might be due to several reasons: Because of the preoccupations caused by the war; the fact that polling day was on a Saturday, and the latter so near Christmas; or because December elections prevented the council from being able to put before electors a final statement of the year's activities and financial standing of the municipality.

DECEMBER ELECTIONS  
He questioned the wisdom of elections being held in December, but noted that "we ourselves asked the Government to make the change so that a new council could take over immediately the year began."

Reeve Lockley congratulated

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Councillors Albert Heald and J. P. A. Christensen on their re-election, and expressed regret at the failure of Councillor Neil Fraser to gain another term. He thanked the latter for his untiring interest on behalf of the municipality, and his services during his term of office.

Councillor Heald thanked Reeve Lockley for his congratulations and concurred in the remarks concerning Mr. Fraser. Councillor Fraser said he was sorry to leave the council. "I have enjoyed the work and the companionship of this table, and I hope that this companionship will be in evidence again next year," he said. Councillor Christensen also thanked Reeve Lockley for his kind reference to his re-election.

## AUSTRALIAN FORCES IN BIG OFFENSIVE

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circling move against the Italian stronghold.

The Australian vanguard overnight tackled one Italian column, capturing transports and guns.

Three frontier forts, Musaid, Sidi Omar and Shefferen, were taken to add to the ever-tightening squeeze around Bardia, where large Italian forces, including thousands of men withdrawn from Egypt, apparently were preparing for a determined stand.

Occupation of Salum, last spot which the Italians held on Egyptian soil, was consolidated when a British armored brigade charged in.

ITALIANS FLEE SWIFTLY  
Most of the Italians already had left in the direction of Bardia so swiftly that they could not be intercepted.

The Italians abandoned Lower Salum on Sunday morning, dynamiting the hairpin-curved road which leads to the upper town.

Sunday night the Royal Air Force struck at both Upper Salum and Bardia with a series of terrific raids, which I watched from a promontory along the coast. I saw resultant explosions and fires as R.A.F. bombs hit the targets.

Italian anti-aircraft fire also lit the sky, interspersed with occasional "flaming onions."

This weapon, of German origin, is designed to tangle about the planes, but so far none in this sector has been brought down by it.

I saw two planes crash in flames.

BRITISH MASTERY OF AIR  
British mastery of the air was so overwhelming that there was scarcely a moment of the day or night when a British plane could not be seen or heard, while I saw only three Italian craft in the same twenty-four-hour period.

It is a common sight at air fields dotting the desert to see a bomber squadron come in for fuel and bombs, then take off again as soon as the pilots have eaten.

On Saturday night, Italian flyers attempted to destroy a big water supply they had established at Buqub, despite the fact that thousands of Italian prisoners were camped next to it. They missed both water and prisoners by fifty yards.

The staggering task of moving the Italian "army" of 40,000 or more



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## News of Australians In Libyan Fighting Pleases Home Front

Announcement of Prime Minister Stirs National Pride—Rush to Join Overseas Forces Expected—Army Minister Gratified

SYDNEY, Dec. 17 (P).—Australians were stirred with national pride today when Prime Minister R. G. Menzies made the first official announcement that Australian troops are participating in the offensive against the Italians in North Africa.

The Commonwealth has at least two divisions in the Middle East, under command of Lieut.-Gen. Sir Thomas Blancy. The first of these has been overseas nearly a year.

The announcement is regarded as certain to result in a rush to join the overseas forces when recruiting is resumed early in 1941. It has been in suspense for several months, while the forces already enlisted were equipped and transferred overseas and while the home defence organization, which is on a compulsory basis, was perfected.

**PLANS COMPLETE CORPS**  
The present plan of the Australian Government for its forces overseas is to complete an army corps of three divisions, with 16,000 men in each division, together with special corps troops.

The home defence force will have a strength of 78,000 officers and men. Men called up are given a minimum of six months' training. Army Minister W. M. Hughes said that the people of Australia were gratified that Australian troops were participating in a great battle which may become a decisive victory likely to shortly and profoundly affect the war, not only in the Middle East but everywhere.

**MAY LIBERATE SHIPS**  
He said the victories in Albania and Egypt may lead to the liberation of naval forces from the Mediterranean to enable them to deal with submarines and raiders in the Atlantic and the North Sea.

A leading Australian military commentator expressed the opinion that the role allotted the Australian was of consolidating gains with tanks, in the way German motorized infantry poured through the Meuse

## WIRES WILL BE HEAVILY TAXED

Canadian Telegraph Companies Expect Great Rush Of Christmas Messages

The warning that Christmas greetings to Canada's fighting men overseas and to other friends and relatives in the United Kingdom should be sent as soon as possible was given today by officials of the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Telegraphs, who further emphasized that they expected the heaviest cable traffic in history, and that disappointments may be avoided by sending greetings early.

The important thing is to have all messages in the hands of telegraph officials overseas early, so that advance arrangements can be made to have them forwarded to proper destination, where they will be held for delivery at an appropriate time. This is particularly true of greetings to Canada's fighting men because messages in this case cannot be sent direct and must be routed through military channels.

**THREE MAIN REASONS**  
There are three main reasons for the expected heavy pressure on the

trans-Atlantic cables. Government messages and newspaper dispatches are, of course, more voluminous than usual because of the war. Then the many thousands of Canadian soldiers "somewhere in England" or billeted in other lands will be exchanging messages of Christmas cheer with the folks at home, while parents in England will undoubtedly be sending their greetings to children who are at present war guests in Canada.

While war business must take precedent on the wires, the telegraph companies are doing everything possible to assure efficient handling of private Christmas messages. Special rates will be in effect for expeditionary force telegrams and greeting letters.

It is desirable that they be handed in or telephoned in to the telegraph companies sufficiently early to avoid the inevitable "jamming" of the wires during the few days preceding Christmas.

## Experimental Station Head Honored



Representatives of a score of agricultural organizations gathered in Saanich, Monday night, to pay tribute to Professor E. M. Straight on his retirement from the superintendency of the Dominion Experimental Station at Saanichton. References to his valuable work and counsel were made both to Professor Straight and his wife, Mrs. Straight. Top picture shows, left to right: George T. Michell, chairman; Mrs. Straight, and Hon. Dr. K. C. MacDonald, Provincial Minister of Agriculture. Bottom picture depicts the scene as the guests sat at the dinner tables.

cremation will take place at the Royal Oak Crematorium. (It is requested that no flowers be sent).

**ALLEN**—Funeral services for Mrs. Edith Allen will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the S. J. Curry & Son Funeral Home, Ven. Archdeacon Nunns will officiate and cremation will take place at the Royal Oak Crematorium. (It is requested that no flowers be sent).

**VIVIAN**—Funeral services for Philip Vivian will be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the S. J. Curry & Son Funeral Home, Rev. J. R. Pile will officiate and interment will be made in the Colwood Burial Park. (It is requested that no flowers be sent).

## BONUSES TO MEET LIVING COST RISE

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ditions which will keep wages within reasonable bounds, yet guard against the worker being the victim of high living costs.

The order specifically states that no lowering of wages from present levels should result by reason of any of the principles it sets out.

Boards of conciliation set up under the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act shall be guided by the recommendations contained in the order. Reports of such boards shall be subject to review by the minister.

(This feature of the recommendations is similar to agreements worked out some time ago between the board and coal miners in Alberta and British Columbia. These workers agreed to base increases in wages upon increases in the cost of living.)

(It was agreed that the workers would not ask for wage increases until the cost of living rose 5 per cent. The agreement continues for the duration of the war and for a year afterward.)

### SOME EXCEPTIONS

Boards are to be guided by the standard of the general wage levels established during the period 1929-32, or any higher level established thereafter, with two exceptions:

1. In a case where it can be clearly shown that when such level was established the wages of the workers in question were depressed or abnormal, and

2. Where it can be clearly shown that in particular instances, wages, which otherwise might have been considered a standard, have heretofore been unduly enhanced and out of line with the general level in the particular trade or calling.

In cases where the board recognizes that the 1929-32 wage levels, if restored, would be out of alignment—higher than the present prevailing rates—it shall be accepted by the board as reasonable that increases in wages granted in any calendar year shall be limited to 5 per cent of the prevailing rates.

To insure workers that their basic standard of living shall not be impaired by an unavoidable rise in the cost of living, boards are directed to recommend cost of living bonuses based on the index of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, working in cooperation with the Labor Department and the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

### HOW DETERMINED

The bonus shall be determined not more frequently than quarterly and paid only if the cost of living has risen by 5 per cent or more since August, 1939, or since the time of any wage increase subsequent to that date.

Thus, payments will be made on the basis of a 5 per cent increase in cost of living since the last wage increase or bonus payment, and may

be reduced if the cost falls 5 per cent or more.

The bonus shall be a flat payment to all workers alike and will not be based upon the rate of earnings.

Under the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act, passed early in the century, conciliation machinery of the Labor Department may be invoked by either party to a wage dispute, and there may be no strike or lockout while the board is preparing its report.

Under an order in council passed recently, all war industries were brought within the scope of the act, which previously covered mining, transportation and public utilities.

Today's order was passed after its principles had been formulated by the labor co-ordination committee in consultation with the National Labor Supply Council, which is composed of five representatives of labor and five representatives of the employers, the minister said.

### SPEED PRODUCTION

The following general provisions were included in the order:

Under war circumstances the urgent need for increased volume and speed of production is a justification for special provisions covering shifts and hours of work. This should be brought about by mutual agreement and should be understood as applying only for the duration of the emergency.

In industries which must operate continuously, or which cannot successfully be operated on a three-shift basis, arrangements should be made to allow the workers at least an average rest in seven, and such additional days of rest as may be necessary to insure that a proper proportion of rest hours to work hours is maintained. Wherever such arrangements are made, payment of overtime rates of pay should be adjusted to meet the conditions in a manner reasonable to both employers and employees.

Whenever, in the interests of war production, any suspension is necessary of any existing condition of work established by practice or agreement, it shall be a condition of any such arrangement by which the suspension is affected, if the workers so desire the previously existing condition of work shall be restored on the termination of the emergency fully and without modification.

It shall be the duty of the registrar of the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act to record such suspensions or departures from trade practices during the war with a view to facilitating measures to restore the same after the war.

In the case of any dispute in which a complaint with a Government department is involved, the Board of Conciliation and Investigation to which the dispute is submitted shall afford to the department concerned the privilege of submitting to the board a brief in writing as to the views of the department on any matter touching the dispute.

## REPORTS DEATH OF ISLAND MAN

Acting L.-Cpl. M. Thomson, Parksville, Among Seven Dead in C.A.S.F.

OTTAWA, Dec. 17 (P).—Seven deaths were reported in the thirtieth casualty list of the Canadian (Active) Army, bringing the total number of dead and missing reported in the active army since the start of the war to 142.

Two others were reported seriously ill and one man was listed as wounded.

Following is the latest casualty list, with regimental numbers and next of kin:

### DEAD

Royal Canadian Artillery, Gnr. Samuel Walton McNeish, Amherst, N.S.

Infantry, Pte. Joseph Laurin, St. Jean Deschallons, Lotbiniere County, Que.

Eastern Ontario Regiment, Pte. Kenneth James Moynihan, Ottawa. Quebec Regiment, Pte. Cameron Brims Elder, Atholville, Que. Act.

L.-Cpl. Paul Emile Geyer, Montreal, B.C.

British Columbia Regiment, Acting L.-Cpl. Matthew Thomson, K-52771, Mrs. Nellie Thomson (wife), Parksville, Vancouver Island, B.C.

Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, Pte. Christy Albert Mason, Peterborough, Ont.

### SERIOUSLY ILL

British Columbia Regiment, Pte. George Lawrence Steves, K-53397, Mrs. Etta Steves (wife), 36 East Eighth Avenue, Vancouver; Pte. James Bruce Bennistoun Sward, K-52891, Mrs. Margaret Sward (wife), Capling Postoffice, Dudley Road, North Vancouver, B.C.

### WOUNDED

Royal Canadian Engineers, Spr. Frank Harvey Kellar, Toronto.

### GIVES CASUALTIES FROM AIR RAIDS

Number Killed in United Kingdom In November Is 4,588 and 6,202 Injured

LONDON, Dec. 17 (P).—Civilian air raid casualties in the United Kingdom in November were 4,588 dead and 6,202 injured. It was announced officially today.

The report for October showed 6,334 dead and 8,695 wounded in the United Kingdom. Today's announcement puts the total casualties since Germany began raids on Britain last June 18 at 19,288 dead and 27,252 wounded.

The official break-down in the November totals:

Dead: Men, 2,289; women, 1,806; children under sixteen, 493.

Injured and detained in hospitals: Men, 3,493; women, 2,251; children under sixteen, 458.

### CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR NAVAL VESSELS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (P).—Secretary of the Navy Knox announced today award of contracts for construction of forty additional destroyers at an estimated cost of \$253,384,875, together with contracts for expansion of shipbuilding facilities to cost approximately \$8,300,000.

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## Changing Name Is Costly Item Under New Law

THE Provincial Government set fees under the Change of Name Act yesterday: \$10 for an application, from 50 cents to \$2 for a search of existing records, and 50 cents for a resultant certificate, or from \$11 to \$12.50 for one application. In the event the application is refused, \$5 of the amount of the fees will be refunded, the Province provided by order in council. Certain sections of the new statute are retroactive.

## B.C. PARKS TO BE REGROUPED

Thirty-Eight Provincial Reserves Reclassified Under Forest Act

Thirty-eight Provincial parks were reclassified under the Forest Act by the British Columbia Government, yesterday. Three main classes of parks were established: Class "A," including ten parks from which alienation of resources will be prohibited; Class "B," three parks with limited industrial licenses; and twenty-five Class "C," parks of local and recreational use only.

Class "A" parks include Mount Assiniboine, Mount Seymour, Kananaskis, Peace Arch, Nakusp Hot Springs, Silver Star, Chasam, Sir Alexander Mackenzie, Keremeos Columns, and John Dean parks.

Class "B" parks are confined to Sooke, Mounth, Tweedsmuir, and Wile Gray parks.

Class "C" parks include Brentwood Park and twenty-four other small local parks distributed throughout various ridings of the province.

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### Ex-Police Chief Of Winnipeg Dies

VANCOUVER, Dec. 17 (P).—E. J. Elliott, former chief of police of Winnipeg, died yesterday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Austin Taylor. He had lived in Vancouver for eighteen years. Another daughter, Mrs. Victor W. Wright, lives in Edmonton.

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Wednesday, December 18, 1940  
GERMANY'S NEXT STEP

German official opinion regards the British offensive in North Africa as in the nature of a sortie. It is the way of the Nazis to minimise anything accomplished by British arms. They even regarded the scuttling of the Graf Spee as a "victory" since it saved that pocket battleship from being destroyed or falling into British hands. There are indications, however, that Germany is perturbed and that she feels she must take measures to restore the prestige of the arms of the Axis Powers. It is because of this that Herr Otto Aebetz has been at Vichy conveying Herr Hitler's proposals to the Government of Marshal Petain. No doubt exists about the German intention to secure a foothold on the Mediterranean through unoccupied French ports. If the Petain Government will not acquiesce in this plan, the possibility, seen ever since France capitulated, may well become a certainty in the Nazis occupying all of France.

Whatever Germany may attempt in the Mediterranean will be in the nature of a side show and designed to restore Italian morale. The main preoccupation of the Nazis is still the task of bringing Great Britain to her knees. Lord Beaverbrook for one is under no delusions. He believes that the enemy is still relying on his air arm, and the plans in Germany are working feverishly in the hope of building up such a power that an attempt can be made to invade the British Isles before next Spring. That is why the forces organized to repel such an invasion must be kept intact, and Great Britain must continue to do all possible to build up her own air strength to meet any new blitzkrieg attempted by the enemy, while at the same time hammering harder and harder on military objectives in Germany and in German-occupied territory.

Germany, no doubt, hopes that if she acquired French Mediterranean ports she would insure the maintenance in that sea of the present British naval strength, which is one factor in the increasing tonnage losses she has been able to inflict. Moreover, she would presume that Great Britain, too, would have to increase her land forces in Africa to meet any possible German threat. This, therefore, would be a part of the policy pursued in the hope of weakening the defences of the British Isles. For the moment the certainty is that Germany has plans afoot to create some new diversion so as to distract the attention of her own people from the defeats being suffered by Italian arms. It is significant that in the conversations that were held at Vichy, Italy did not participate. Although she, too, has an armistice with France she is not being consulted about German requirements for participation in the Mediterranean campaign. It was significant that Herr Hitler, in his latest speech, should have avoided all reference to his Axis partner. He made it clear, indeed, that Germany was prepared to fight the world alone.

Herr Hitler is right, in a sense, in regarding the African campaign as a sideshow. Great Britain knows full well that Germany is the main enemy, but knows, as well, that with Italian power shattered or badly damaged the task of concentrating on the Nazis will be so much the easier. Moreover, the Fuehrer is aware now that all small nations cannot be conquered with impunity, at least cannot be by his Axis partner, for Italy has suffered a severe blow in Greece and has received due punishment for an unprovoked attack. Herr Hitler is probably more concerned about what is happening in continental Europe than he is about the fate of the Italians in North Africa. The danger he foresees, if he ever foresees such, is that if Germany were to go to the aid of the Italians in Albania it might well set those Balkan States not under his thumb aflame and bring Turkey into the war on the side of Great Britain. That would involve the Nazis in a great preoccupation in Southeastern Europe which would dissipate their strength to the extent of weakening their efforts against the British Isles. Germany has a problem as to the next step she will take in offensive warfare. The indications are that it is one about which a decision has been reached in the conferences at Vichy.

## AN AIRCRAFT PLANT

The Financial Post, Toronto, tells the story of the Malton plant of the National Steel Car Company, situated some seventeen miles from Toronto. Its construction commenced in April, 1938. The total investment is over \$2,500,000. The plant received a contract from the Federal Government for twenty-eight Lysander planes. These machines were built, but the propellers and engines were supplied from "outside." In March last the company received a further order for ninety-two Lysander planes, and it was indicated that if the plant were extended the British Government would place an order for 150 more planes. In July, when work was in progress on one-half of the machines ordered by Ottawa, the Financial Post says that the order for the ninety-two planes was revoked. The reason given was that the army co-operation plane—the Lysander—had become useless. Since then, for five months, there have been "delays, reversal of opinions, indecision, confusion."

The Post says that the Malton plant is not now being used to more than one-fifth or one-sixth "of its ultimate, all-out possibilities." The plant is capable of giving employment to 9,000 men working in three shifts. The actual number now employed is about 1,800, and they are engaged in completing certain planes of a type that the Government considers to be "useless." The question of work at this plant was raised during the recent meeting of Parliament. Mr. T. C. Douglas (Weyburn) said: "Hon. members have a right to know what is wrong. Men who have worked in that plant are enthusiastic about its equipment, but in the last few months at least a dozen key men have quit their jobs, among these men being the plant manager, the chief plant superintendent, the chief plant inspector, the erection and

shop foreman, the machine shop foreman and the plant's test pilot. The estimate given to me is that the employee turnover at Malton during the past year has been from 75 to 90 per cent, and that more than 900 men have quit their jobs in the plant during the past six months."

The Post believes that the facilities of this plant should be used to their utmost to manufacture planes. Seemingly the differences of opinion between its management and the Government have led to its comparative idleness. The only official statement made on behalf of the company is that credited to Mr. R. J. Major, of Montreal, who says: "Negotiations are in progress for production of a new combat plane of a design acquired by Britain, and within the next two or three weeks a progressive utilization of full capacity will get under way." The Post says that "somewhat similar assurances were understood to have been given the company by the Government several months ago."

## AN INOFPORUNE TIME

During the recent sitting of the Federal Parliament, a brief discussion, or rather an exchange of viewpoints, took place between Senator Dandurand and Senator Meighen on the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence development and the proposal to go ahead with this plan. Mr. Meighen did not explain his attitude on the wisdom or otherwise of the undertaking but he made it very clear that he does not believe there is a necessity for the project at this time. He pointed out that the President of the United States "is the power behind the throne in respect of this whole venture" and, "according to dispatches from that country, the urgency of proceeding now is being based on the ground that in both its aspects, power and navigation, the project is necessary for purposes of the War."

Mr. Meighen points out that Canada has now extraordinary burdens to bear—"burdens so vast it is almost beyond our comprehension to measure them. One binds beneath the very weight of the thought of what stands ahead of us in the way of financial outlay and of strain on the energies of our people." Mr. Meighen says that the estimate of the time to complete the St. Lawrence project, as made in the plan of 1932, was seven years, but that it would probably run over that period. He went on: "I think it is making considerable demands upon our credulity to ask us to believe that something which could be finished two, three, four, five, six or seven years from now, by the application of tremendous human energy, the absorption of a vast number of people and the expenditure of an almost unprecedented amount of money, obtained by borrowing or otherwise, would be a prudent step towards the winning of the War. One has to look ahead, it is true, but instead of looking ahead three, four, or five years, it is better to look one year—yes, one month ahead, and just make certain there is not something else far more vital, far more pressing than this venture."

## UP-HILL

Does the road wind up-hill all the way?  
Yes, to the very end.  
Will the journey take the whole long day?  
From morn to night, my friend.  
But is there for the night a resting place?  
A roof for when the slow dark hours begin.  
May not the darkness hide it from my face?  
You cannot miss that inn.  
Shall I meet other wayfarers at night?  
Those who have gone before.  
Then must I knock, or call when just in sight?  
They will not keep you standing at that door.  
Shall I find comfort, travel-sore and weak?  
Of labor you shall find the sum.  
Will there be beds for me and all who seek?  
Yea, beds for all who come.  
—Christina G. Rossetti.

He that gives good advice, builds with one hand; he that gives good counsel and example, builds with both; but he that gives good admonition and bad example, builds with one hand and pulls down with the other.—Bacon.

## The Weather

Meteorological Office, Victoria, B.C., at 7 p.m., Tuesday, December 17, 1940.  
SYNOPSIS OF WEATHER CONDITIONS  
A deep disturbance is centred west of the Queen Charlotte Islands and pressure is relatively high over the State of Montana. The weather has been moderately cold over the Interior of British Columbia, while on the coast it has been somewhat milder. Sub-zero temperature is reported in the Prairie Provinces.  
PRECIPITATION AND TEMPERATURES  
(Precipitation for twelve hours to 3:00 p.m.; temperatures for twenty-four hours.)

Location	Precipitation	Min.	Max.
Vancouver	Trace	38	50
Nanaimo	0.5	29	40
Vancouver	0.4	22	45
Kamloops	0.1	17	22
Prince George	0.1	11	16
Estevan Point	10	39	52
Prince Rupert	0.3	43	45
Langara	0.3	42	46
Alton	10	23	33
Duncan	10	23	33
Seattle	0.1	44	53
Portland	0.4	33	41
San Francisco	0.3	53	66
Spokane	0.5	30	38
Penticton	0.4	20	30
Vernon	0.1	20	30
Kelowna	0.1	18	28
Grand Forks	0.1	18	28
Nelson	0.1	17	26
Kaslo	0.1	18	28
Cranbrook	0.1	17	26
Calgary	0.1	7	23
Edmonton	0.1	9	24
Swift Current	0.1	17	28
Regina	0.1	5	10
Prince Albert	0.1	1	18
Winnipeg	0.1	1	18

Below zero.  
Monday—  
Toronto 20 to 28  
Ottawa 15 to 25  
Saint John 17 to 38  
Halifax 25 to 48  
Tuesday  
Minimum 38  
Maximum 44  
Average 40  
Minimum on the grass 37  
Weather, cloudy; sunshine, December 17, 30 mins.

## 5 P.M. WEATHER REPORTS

Victoria—Barometer, 29.41; wind, SE, 27 miles; cloudy.  
Vancouver—Barometer, 29.45; wind, SE, 15 miles; raining.  
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.85; calm; cloudy.  
Prince George—Barometer, 29.67; wind, SE, 2 miles; fair.  
Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.25; wind, N, 2 miles; cloudy.  
Langara—Barometer, 29.18; wind, SE, 10 miles; raining.  
Estevan Point—Barometer, 29.22; wind, S, 21 miles; raining.  
Tatoosh—Barometer, 29.33; wind, E, 27 miles; raining.  
Portland—Barometer, 29.32; wind, E, 21 miles; raining.  
Seattle—Barometer, 29.50; wind, SE, 10 miles; cloudy.  
San Francisco—Barometer, 29.88; wind, S, 10 miles; cloudy.

## Note and Comment

By SANDHAM GRAVES

If you have kept a diary of the major events of this war, you will not doubt realize that the British campaign in Egypt, in which the Allies are playing such a splendid part, is not an isolated tilt in the desert, but a body blow to the Axis Powers. You would have to turn back the pages of your diary to a date early in July to find the key to the complete irony of the present situation.

It was in the first week of July, 1940, that Germany attempted to mount her first blitz of Britain. Massed waves of up to 2,000 Nazi planes in a single day were driven off; the attack was punched in its muscles before it could get started. Simultaneously, the Italians set their first nervous foot into Egypt, advancing over the Libyan border. When the "invasion" of Britain foundered, within three days the Italian advance stopped.

In the months that followed, Italians alternately advanced and stopped, made sorties and withdrew, looked hot and kept cool, timing their action with the German thrust against Britain. Bit by bit, however, they prepared coast bases, built roads ahead, and assembled supplies; until across the border in Egypt there had been prepared one spearhead of a major attack. The coast bases were prepared on the assumption that Italy would have control of the Mediterranean—that from the Italian viewpoint would be "Mare Nostrum."

The other Axis spearhead of attack, there is now very little reason to doubt, was to have been down through the Balkans; not in a piecemeal, but in a wholesale manner, with probably Albania, Yugoslavia and Greece promised to Italy for her "living space." At all events, German "tourists," agents and diplomats congregated in the upper Balkan provinces, seeping towards the Black Sea. You would require a map of the world to consider the involvement of that plan; but Italy's part in it was clear enough. Italy took Albania without scarcely a shot fired; believed Greece would fall in the same way—and was very badly mistaken. With none of the trump cards, the pack, Italy found itself involved in a distance in two major theatres of war.

Quite clearly that was the time that Italy would expect some German help. It was to have been a spear into Egypt, not one. It was to have been a clean sweep of the Balkans, not an infiltration by indirection. It was to have been a grand sweep of the Mediterranean, and not a penny ante game of dodging the Royal Navy. Over and over again, Italy was to have been invaded, possessed, and conquered; while her main forces were kept drawn away from "Mare Nostrum." It began in July, and it is slightly too early to say that it is ending now, but the Axis has taken a stiff blow to the body in the Mediterranean. One of the partners has slipped, and lies with his back on the canvas.

Next to the drama of the still-born German armada in July, August and September, seven days' fighting in the wild desert home of the Semai has done more to turn the course of the war than any and all accumulated events since the fall of the Bastille. It has taken a stiff blow to the body in the Mediterranean. One of the partners has slipped, and lies with his back on the canvas.

War is what you can prove, and in the face of the enemy, you can prove it. The Axis Powers have not that control. So far, in spite of a little bartering, we have. It was the sea that stopped Germany's water. It was the sea that stopped Italy, also at the water gap. It was an intelligent use of the sea by air, land and naval forces that gave Britain this week a decisive turning point in the winter's campaigning. Or so the diary states.

## MAY TAKE TIME TO FIND A SUCCESSOR

LONDON, Dec. 17 (CP)—An authoritative spokesman said tonight that several days more still might be needed to find and name an "ideally suited" man to succeed the late Lord Latham as British Ambassador to the United States.

## OPENS AMERICAN CLUB

LONDON, Dec. 17 (CP)—Wade Hampton Hayes, American banker with British financial interests, formally opened today the American Eagle Club, which will be used as a centre for all Americans serving in the British armed forces.

## FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY

(From The Daily Colonist of December 18, 1890.)

Will Race Home—The two salmon ships, Mennick and Brodick Bay, are expected to start for home almost together on Friday morning, well prepared for a keen race across the ocean. Coming out the Mennick made the trip in two days less than her rival, but the captain of the Bay says he will make up for it on the homeward run.

Williams' Directory—We have seen a copy of Williams' new Directory for 1891, which is now completed and will be delivered to us by far the finest directory ever issued for this Province. The sides are worked in gilt, which is a very pretty feature of the general appearance of the binding. The directory shows conclusively the progress the Province is making.

Communication Out Off—Yesterday the wires went down in all directions and communication between Victoria and all outside points by telegraph was completely cut off.

## SCHOOLS TO CLOSE UNTIL NEXT YEAR

City schools will close on Friday for the Christmas and New Year vacation. Students will not resume their studies until January 6.

## The Observation Car

By THE EDITORIAL STAFF

Temperatures and Frost  
Persons scanning official weather reports during the past week have been at a loss to understand the occurrence of considerable frost, while the minimum temperatures recorded at the Gonzales Observatory have been about the freezing point on three of the four days. What has been overlooked is the minimum temperature on the grass, which is recorded in the complete daily weather report from the station. The official temperatures are taken on thermometers placed in a standard screen four feet above the ground, and it is not uncommon during cold weather for temperatures to vary as much as 4 to 6 degrees in those four feet. Last Thursday, the official minimum was 34 degrees and the temperature on the grass was 30 degrees. The recording taken by Mr. Denison, retired meteorologist and formerly in charge of the Gonzales station, on his standard equipment in a standard screen located on the grounds of the Strathcona Hotel, Douglas and Courtenay Streets, showed a minimum of 32 degrees. On Friday, the official minimum was 31 degrees and the temperature on the grass was 29 degrees. On Saturday at Gonzales the minimum was 32 degrees in the standard screen and 29 on the grass, while the Strathcona Hotel minimum was 31 degrees.

Sunday the official figure was 31 degrees and on the grass it was 29 degrees, while the downtown recording was 32 degrees. No reading is taken on the grass at the Strathcona Hotel but, like the figures recorded at Gonzales, they would show freezing temperatures on the ground level, which would account for the occurrence of heavy frosts.—H.C.M.

## Cold Business

The present epidemic of coughs, colds and mild influenza has proved a boon to Harry, the chocolate king. He told us on Monday that his factory was disposing of 1,000 pounds of menthol and eucalyptus cough candy per week, and extra hands had been taken on to cope with the increased business.  
"Late again. The day you arrive on time, there will probably be an eclipse of the sun. What is the excuse this time?" the boss asked Bill, the Brown Street barber. Willie commenced to strip the saw teeth from his trusty razor and thought fast. "It's like this, Boss," he commenced. "Before I got up this morning my wife cleaned the mirror in the bathroom. She left it turned to the wall. I went to the bathroom to shave. I couldn't see my face and concluded that I had gone to work." Ben, the barber, joined in the laughter created by Willie's novel excuse. Later the discussion turned to the subject of marriage. "I have had a mind to get married," he remarked. "That's all you need," the boss quipped. "Finally the boys got down to business. Jimmie, another knight of the shears, suddenly remembered a nasty remark that the boss had made about him in a previous issue. "Look here, boss," he snorted. "What did you mean by telling that man I was a first class doer?" Quick as a flash the boss replied, "I did not say first class."—G.B.

## Tides at Victoria

# DECEMBER

Time of tide (Pacific Standard Time) at Victoria, B.C. for the month of November.

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## Letters to Editor

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## RETURNED SOLDIERS

Mr. Alex Walker, of the Legion, wants action for discharged soldiers of this war. What about the men of 1914 to 1918? After twenty-one years, just half of these men are at present sixty years, with no job or pension, and a few on the breadline. The rest won't ask for help. I think Mr. Walker would be doing a good turn by seeing to these men first as they have done their duty.

J. W. BLACK.

2642 Bay Street, Victoria, B.C. Dec. 16, 1940.

## FOREST RESOURCES

Mr. Mulholland's opinion, backed by facts and an opinion contrary to facts, are bound to vary considerably. Mr. Mulholland insists, in his letter printed in The Colonist of December 14, that a tax on timber royalty "is not a tax at all." Well, that opinion is not shared by any economist from Adam Smith downward. Rather than it is not even shared by the timber speculators themselves, as those who have a knack of knowing on which side their bread is buttered. In truth, it doesn't comport with ordinary, common use.

A timber royalty is a processing tax. All processing taxes are added to cost of goods or materials and shared by the user—the ultimate consumer. The rental of timber limits, and all natural resources, is payment for value received. It stays put, and cannot be passed along to the consumer. All governmental charges on natural resources are paid by him who claims ownership, and every increase reduces the selling price—the capitalization. Every increase of the royalty has raised the price of lumber, which we all know is abnormally dear. I could cite an instance where it is three times the price it used to be. Mr. Mulholland says: "Our grandchildren will be little interested in the amount of royalty paid a generation earlier, or whether timber licence profits were sixteen dollars or sixteen millions." That is precisely what our grandchildren, to their sorrow, will be interested in. They will have to pay interest on a debt that need never have existed had the natural resources of the province been managed with plain ordinary business sense. Their opinion of their ancestors may not be flattering.

Mr. Mulholland would fain count compound interest on the dribble of rental that the timber men have paid in the last thirty-odd years. How about counting the growth of timber in the same period? The rings visible on a Douglas fir stump show its age; each ring denotes a year's growth; thirty-odd rings on each tree mean an addition to the growth of the tree; count the average increase in diameter of a mile square of forest trees and the result would be rather striking. Now, if that offset doesn't suit Mr. Mulholland, let him estimate compound interest on the debt of the Province for thirty-odd years and see where that would lead him.

Remember, the timber men get value, yes, immense value, for what they pay. What will posterity get for the interest it will be called upon to pay for our borrowing?

ALEXANDER HAMILTON.

1040 Fairfield Road, Victoria, B.C. December 17, 1940.

## THE FLAG

Mr. Mulholland's interesting items have been brought to the fore through the correspondence in your paper regarding the flag. Well, speaking of flags, during the Sudan campaign of 1898, owing to the discontinuance of carrying regimental colors into action, it was decided by the powers

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that be that owing to the kind of enemy we were up against and because they were noted for their rushing tactics, each British regiment should carry something that was prominent and easily seen, so that if we got it in the neck, I mean broken or scattered, we would have some place to make for and rally round, forming what we would call, I suppose, the old Scottish Schiltron. The mark chosen by the 79th Regiment was the flag of St. Andrew, which was carried atop a very long Baggara cavalry spear. I might mention that the honor of carrying this revered emblem was given to the senior sergeant of the regiment, Sergeant Tony Gunn, whose forebears had been in the regiment since its inception in 1793. He himself being born in it. So the St. Andrew's Cross was carried into battle on the 8th of April, 1898, Battle of the Albuera.

Now, can any of your readers give any information as to when the Flag of St. Andrew was last carried into battle previous to April 8, 1898.

L. CRABTREE.

Late 79th Regiment.

2066 Marine Street, Victoria, B.C. December 17, 1940.

## MEN IN THE SERVICES

Mr. Mulholland in relation to the entertainment of men of His Majesty's forces during the Christmas season, my committee is anxious to obtain the names of families who are willing to invite one or more men to partake of dinner during the Christmas season. We have been informed that many of the boys who are stationed here are lonely and would be glad to make friends and to enjoy some of the comforts of home life when they have free time.

May I ask any of the citizens of Victoria who are willing to offer this form of hospitality to phone the Y.W.C.A. Central Clearing Station at E3412. Volunteer helpers will be on hand from Monday to Friday to register names or give any information.

DOROTHY SPUR



## Engineering Institute Members Hear Talk By Eastern Officials

L. Austin Wright, General Secretary; Dr. O. O. Lefebvre, Past Institute President, and J. A. Vance Address Local Engineers at Dinner Meeting

L. AUSTIN WRIGHT, national general secretary; Dr. O. O. Lefebvre, Montreal, a member of the Quebec Streams Commission, and J. A. Vance, Woodstock, Ont., were guest speakers at the meeting of the Victoria branch of the Engineering Institute of Canada, held at the Pacific Club last night.

The Institute officials visited Victoria while on a Dominion-wide tour following the successful signing of an amalgamation agreement between the Alberta section of the Engineers' Institute and the Association of Professional Engineers of

Alberta, which was completed in Calgary last Saturday. Dr. T. H. Hogg, president of the institute, who accompanied the officials here, was unable to address the meeting last night as planned, owing to sudden recall to the East.

Giving an account of the activities of the Provincial Corporation of Engineers in Quebec, as related to the Engineering Institute of Canada, Dr. O. O. Lefebvre told the meeting of the work the corporation is doing in limiting the manner of use of the term of "engineer."

### TERM LIMITED

Indicating that the term referred to a highly specialized profession, Dr. Lefebvre said that the corporation was doing much in deterring indiscriminate use of the word. He cited several instances, including "traffic engineer," "sanitary engineer" and included "train engineer," intimating that the latter should be called an "engine driver."

In addition, pointing out the desirability of control over the practice of the engineering profession, he described how the corporation had a member of the profession fined by a court for refusal to comply with the rules of the body and his refusal to pay his dues.

### INSTITUTE WORK

Advising the local members of the current affairs of the institute, L. Austin Wright, general secretary, told how the organization was doing much to assist the Government in the prosecution of the war.

The national register of technically trained men, as maintained by the institute, has been offered the Government as a means of readily reaching such artisans as they need. In addition, the speaker declared that the institute was constantly filling requests from the Government for men of particular engineering ability.

Speaking of the use of engineers in wartime occupations, Mr. Wright said that the institute was working on the problem of recognition of engineers in the forces, on a basis similar to that of such other professional men as doctors. Confidential and other types of war work are constantly being undertaken by the institute, the speaker stated.

### MEMBERS GROWING

Indicating a membership of over 5,000, in some twenty-five branches throughout the country, Mr. Wright said that the organization was constantly on the look-out for ways and means to improve the wages and treatment accorded members. The speaker referred to the Calgary meeting, when the provincial organization of Alberta joined the institute. He urged that such action be taken by every provincial organization.

E. W. Irard, local chairman, presided at the dinner meeting. The institute officials left Victoria last night to return to the East.

### C.P.R. EARNINGS

MONTREAL, Dec. 17 (CP).—Increase of \$610,000 was reported today by Canadian Pacific Railway Company in traffic earnings of \$3,736,000 for the week ended December 14, compared with \$3,126,000 in the corresponding period of 1939.

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## Sale Will Aid Civilians



Jim Bridges is shown packing holly into one of the ten-pound cartons at the holly ranch of B. Monfort, Victoria. With over four tons of holly shipped up to the end of last week, and more going out every day, the money received in the sale of the twigs will be donated to the London Lord Mayor's Fund.

## THREE MORE ITALIAN OUTPOSTS CAPTURED

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Italian prisoners of war now in hand, but an Associated Press correspondent with the British forces in the field said a recapitulation indicated that of the five Fascist divisions which invaded Egypt, only one got out entirely, two appeared shattered.

Another lost most of its equipment. Italian divisions are understood to run as high as 14,000 men. In a single offensive patrol eleven Italian planes were shot down, aside from the capture of fifteen Italian craft on the ground at Salum.

The Royal Air Force Middle East Command issued the following communique Tuesday:

"All enemy airbases between Tobruk and Bardia in the Western Desert were heavily raided by R.A.F. bombers yesterday (Monday), while our fighters maintained constant offensive patrols throughout the day.

**BARDIA HEAVILY BOMBED**  
"Bardia was subjected to yet another intensive raid during last night. Weather conditions were excellent and our bombers were able to attack their objectives without difficulty.

"Altogether more than a dozen tons of bombs fell on barracks, military buildings and railways. Fires were started in native barracks and one particularly fierce blaze caused four explosions. In addition to Tobruk, Bomba, Derna, El Daen, El Gubba and El Gazala were attacked, much damage being caused.

"While on offensive patrol our fighters shot down seven S79's and one CR-42 (confirmed) and two S79's (unconfirmed). A further S79 was destroyed while landing and a Ghibli Italian general purposes aircraft was also shot down.

"These enemy losses do not include ten C42's and five S79's captured by the army on enemy airbases near Salum. The enemy had to abandon these aircraft as they had all been rendered unusable by our low-flying attacks earlier in the week.

**NO BRITISH LOSSES**  
"From all the operations in the Western Desert our aircraft returned without loss.

"In Southern Albania, among other operations carried out by our aircraft, was a heavy raid on Durazzo.

"This successful attack was made despite most unfavorable weather. Bombs were seen to cause large explosions in the docks area. One large and other smaller fires were observed by our aircraft on leaving the target. Our aircraft returned safely.

"In Italian East Africa, Gura and Asmara were raided during the night of December 15-16.

"At Gura, direct hits were registered on a building which was demolished by subsequent explosions and a fire was started which was seen fifty miles away.

"Enemy fighters intercepted our bombers, one of which was damaged but managed to get back to our territory.

"At Asmara, a factory and a transport park were bombed and a small fire caused among the transport.

"Enemy bombers raided Port Sudan four times but no damage was caused to R.A.F. property or personnel."

POPE TO BROADCAST  
VATICAN CITY, Dec. 17 (AP).—Vatican City officials announced today the College of Cardinals would extend personal Christmas greetings to Pope Pius XII at a special audience, December 24. It was believed the Vatican radio would broadcast a speech by the Pontiff in Italian at that time, 10 a.m. (midnight, December 23, P.S.T.).

## TAKES PART IN MEETINGS

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land, said they had learned that Abetz persuaded Petain to bring Laval out of surveillance at his home so Abetz could get Laval's own story of his ouster from the position of Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister in order that Germany can decide what position to take on the change.

**VARIETY OF RUMORS**  
There were some rumors that Germany might demand Laval's reinstatement.

(This was supported by informants in Berlin, who said Germany is interested not in Laval's successor but "whether any change in French policy has taken place." Petain already has told Hitler that he will continue to collaborate with the Reich. It was indicated, however, that Petain had not told Hitler why he ousted Laval.

(The position of General Maxime Weyand, the French commander in Africa, entered into the speculation. He has shown no intention of returning to France to join in any negotiations with the Axis, and has a strong, unbeaten army at the back of the routed Italians in Libya.)

## BRITISH FLYERS ATTACK HEAVILY

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still visible half an hour after the attacking aircraft had left," the Ministry said. It reported a "particularly violent" explosion at Neckerstadt, a suburb of Mannheim, and said that "by 3:30 a.m. the whole target area was a mass of flame."

### FACTORIES HIT

"At Steyer, a town south of Mannheim," it continued, "aircraft factory buildings were hit and targets at Heilbronn, on the Neckar, were set on fire."

Besides the attack at Bordeaux, British bombers made daylight forays on several airdromes.

Of the merchantmen bombed, the Air Ministry said, one was observed sinking and another was afire. The Air Ministry News Service.

amplifying the communique, said that Coastal Command flyers "carrying out a heavy raid on the docks and U-boats at Bordeaux early today," did not sight land from the time they left their base until they were near their target on the Bay of Biscay.

### TERRIFIC EFFECTS

"Effects of the heavy bombs were such that observers in the aircraft had the impression of large buildings being lifted in their entirety into the air before they disintegrated," it said.

"When one raider came over the docks and let go a salvo of large-calibre bombs, a wide column of flame rose to a height of 300 feet. Other bombs fell on a corner of the U-boats' dock bases, followed by an immense flash which produced a bright glow in the sky over Bordeaux."

## IS AWARE OF NAZIS' PLAN

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ple of Britain are "much too confident" and that "over-confidence" is not justified now.

"It must be acknowledged that Hitler is still military master of Europe, but not quite so much the master he was on."

American planes are arriving in Britain "in an increasing flow," very many of them," Lord Beaverbrook said.

### SOME FINE TYPES

They are fine types of fighting planes, he added, and "some of them are equal to the best we produce here." He described the Curtiss P-40 as the equivalent of the British Spitfire in performance and speed.

By 1942, he declared, 26,000 American-built planes will have reached Britain.

Regarding Britain's own production, he said that in the months of August, September, October and November the output was double that of the same period last year.

The minister declared that all aircraft lost during the four months of the Battle of Britain had been paid for with public contributions. "But the main flow of money has been from overseas," he added.

"The prime need is for more bombers. That is where we want to see new records. So roll out the bombers."

## 1940 COUNCIL FINISHES TERM

Farewells Made and Tributes Passed at Saanich Meeting Last Night

Farewell addresses and eulogies were in order at the final meeting of the 1940 Saanich Council last night when Reeve A. G. Lambriek and Councilors J. R. Scooby and J. W. Howroyd concluded their terms in public office. Reeve-elect L. I. Passmore was among the speakers.

Reeve and councilors generally touched on the progress that had been made in Saanich during the last two years, and paid tribute to all municipal employees.

Previously a motion was passed, asking the U.B.C.M. for an explanation why Reeve Lambriek's tax brief had not been on the agenda for the meeting with the inter-municipal committee of the Provincial Legislature. The Lambriek motion, it was intimated, had been adopted in principle by the union convention and had been left to the incoming executive to present it to the Government.

### MAY NOT JOIN

All the councilors agreed that an explanation should be requested. Councilor Passmore added that he was doubtful whether the council would join the union next year.

The Reeve expressed his thanks to all councilors for their co-operation and the various municipal departments and officers. He hoped that

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the many improvements introduced during the past two years would be maintained.

Councilor Scooby paid tribute to the retiring Reeve and to Councilor Passmore for the clean, impersonal election campaign, and spoke of the regret he felt in severing relations with the council. He offered his services to the council voluntarily at any time, if he could be of assistance. Councilor Howroyd spoke in a similar vein and explained that he was leaving the council due to pressure of business.

### GROUND PREPARED

Councilor Passmore thought his task would be easier during the coming year due to the manner in which Reeve Lambriek had prepared the ground.

Councilors L. C. Hagan, George Austin, E. C. Warren and John Oliver also spoke. W. A. Greene, municipal clerk; Dr. J. L. Gayton, health officer, and H. H. Allen, engineer, spoke on behalf of the staff.

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## Impressive Nativity Play Is Presented by Students

St. Margaret's School gymnasium was filled with parents and friends of pupils of Upper School on Sunday afternoon and Monday evening for the annual Christmas programme, and again last evening for the programme presented by the juniors. Rev. George Biddle, of St. John's Church, opened the seniors' services with short prayers.

The story of the Nativity by the seniors, arranged and directed by Mrs. Turpin with musical accompaniment by Miss Helen Ryley, was in tableau form, each scene being introduced by a costumed member of the cast, who gave a brief synopsis of what was to follow. Sensitive understanding and appreciation of the spirit underlying the theme marked the entire programme, which was given with a deep sense of reverence.

Each scene was presented with great simplicity and at the same time with striking effect. The stage settings and lighting were artistically arranged.

**CHOIR SINGING**

Grouped below the platform was the school choir in white and silver costumes. Many familiar old English carols and traditional Yuletide songs, which have been preserved through the centuries, were sung by the choir, and at intervals the audience joined in singing such carols as "Holly Night, Peaceful Night," "O Little Star of Bethlehem," "First Noel" and "O Come, All Ye Faithful."

Scenes in the tableaux were as follows:

Scene 1—Zachariah in the temple. 2—The Annunciation; choir, "The Angel Gabriel." 3—Mary's visit to Elizabeth; choir, "Magnificat." 4—Shepherds in the fields; choir, "The Flowering Manger." 5—The Stable; choir, "My Lullaby." 6—Shepherds return; choir, "Shepherds' Song." 7—Presentation in the temple; choir, "Nunc Dimittite." 8—Visit of the Magi; choir, "Three Kings From Persian Lands." 9—The flight into Egypt; choir, "Kling Herod and the Cock." 10—Adoration; choir, "Puer Nobis" and "In Excelsis Gloria."

**JUNIOR PROGRAMME**

Children of the Junior School showed delightful imagination in their playing of "The Blue Bell," a fairy tale of Norway, which had a happy combination of poetry, humor and picturesqueness, and was delightfully dressed to emphasize the elfin qualities of the story.

The play was in two acts and took place in the "Haunted Dell" at the time when fairies ruled the dell. Taking part were the following: King Gormius, Joan Hutchison,

Princess Elmore, Francis Sawyer, Halvor, Joan MacDonald, Thimbelina, Elsie MacDonald, Hag, Joyce Mellick, Mustylone, Hilary Dowling, Slywit, Patricia Penn, Noname, Jennifer Munday, Spry, Elizabeth Molson, maida, Fay Wright, Stella Rixon, Janet Menely, pages, Sheila McGovern, Betsy Sawyer, Deirdre Bryn-Jones, Ierada, Norren Lord and Janet Dennison; lunar moths, P. Piddington, P. Webb, P. Woodhouse, Lola Bird, G. Elkington; chorus of courtiers and ladies-in-waiting, Forms III and IV; chorus of flower fairies, Forms Ia and II; chorus of gnomes, Forms Ib and Kindergarten.

**MONEY FOR RED CROSS**

A collection was taken at the conclusion of the programmes, the proceeds from which will go to the Red Cross.

Miss Pearce, headmistress, entertained the guests in the Boarding House, where refreshments were served following both evening performances.

### Weddings

#### MACQUEEN-CRICKMAY

A wedding of interest was solemnized at 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon in St. Paul's Church, Vancouver, when Joan Hayler, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Crickmay, Vancouver, became the bride of Mr. Ian Calvin MacQueen, son of the late Rev. E. MacQueen, and Mrs. MacQueen, Victoria, at a service conducted by Rev. Canon Harold Kling. Fragrant paper-white narcissus mingled with greenery made a delightful setting.

A gown of white triple sheer with the bodice and full skirt gathered into a wide lace girdle, was worn by the bride, who was given away by her father. Her short hand-embroidered veil, which had been her mother's, fell from a coronet of orange blossoms, and she carried a colonial posy of Rapture roses, freesias and pink bouvardias.

Mrs. E. G. Peake was matron of honor to her sister, in a charming frock of electric blue triple sheer, worn with a waist-length jacket with a peplum frill, and a matching pancake hat trimmed with a flat bow at the back. She carried a bouquet of single chrysanthemums and pink carnations. Mr. John Hemmings was best man.

At a reception held at the home of the bride's parents the guests were welcomed by Mrs. Crickmay in a smart gown of periwinkle blue satin and a tricorn hat trimmed with a black and white feather wing, assisted by Mrs. MacQueen in a black and white ensemble. Fol-

## Cobble Hill Unit's Year Gratifying

lowing the honeymoon, for which the bride left in a Valhalla blue French-silk-and-wool-sports outfit, with a brown fur coat and matching hat, Mr. and Mrs. MacQueen will make their home in Victoria.

Guests at the wedding included Mrs. MacQueen and her daughter, Miss Jean MacQueen, mother and sister of the bridegroom; Mr. and Mrs. J. Hemmings, Victoria, and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Thompson, Chilliwack.

**HOWES-HAMER**

At a quiet ceremony at the Church of Our Lord, Free Church of England, on Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock, Rev. Canon E. V. Bird united in marriage Hilda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamer, Rockdale, England, and Mr. Ivan B. Howes, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Howes, Comox. Music was played by Mrs. Bird.

The bride was attractive in a delphinium blue dress with brown hair and matching accessories, her corsage bouquet being pink roses and white gardenias. She was attended by Mrs. C. Kneale, in a smart French beige dress with matching accessories, and a corsage bouquet of pink carnations and forget-me-nots. Mr. Jack Dawson supported the groom. After the service, a reception for immediate friends was held at 464 Kingston Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Howes left for a short honeymoon tour to Island before making their home in Victoria.

### Anglican Young People

**NANAIMO COUNCIL**

The Nanaimo Deanery Council of the Anglican Young People's Association held a rally at the Parish Hall, Chemainus, on Sunday. Members were present from Nanaimo, Ladysmith, Ladysmith Junior A.Y.P.A., Chemainus and Duncan. The council president, Miss Florence Lemon, was chairman for the rally. Miss Ruth Johnston welcomed the visitors, on behalf of the Chemainus branch. After community singing, led by John Cockrane, with Lawrence Matthews as accompanist, the gathering heard an interesting talk on organization, given by Rev. J. R. Fyfe, Victoria. Supper was served in the hall by members of Chemainus branch, after which all attended Evensong at the Church of St. Michael's and All Angels. The lessons were read by Ruth Johnston and Tokio Yoshida. During the fellowship hour following the service, carols were sung and a short play was presented by members of the Ladysmith Junior group. Those taking part were Misses Phyllis Burns, Wilma Davenport, Phyllis Hickson, Messrs. J. Knight and Roger Spurling. After refreshments, served by Chemainus members, Rev. T. L. Hipp, vicar at Chemainus, pronounced the benediction.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

Colonel Oldham presided at the annual meeting, when the unit was congratulated by various guests. J. Greg, president of the Duncan unit; H. Graham and Mrs. J. McDonald. At the first meeting of the new executive, conveners were appointed as follows: Sewing, Mrs. Leask and Mrs. Knight; knitting, Mrs. Samuelson and Miss A. Knight; refugee, Mrs. Whittle and Mrs. Tale.

### ENGAGEMENTS

**BUTLER-LEES**

The engagement is announced between Frances Agnes Lees, Victoria, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lees, Galahad, Alta, and Mr. Daniel Frank Butler, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Butler, Tavish Road, Sidney. The wedding will take place at St. Andrew's Church, Sidney, on December 28 at 8 p.m.

Man is a reasoning animal. He usually got two reasons for what he does—a good reason and the real reason.

## City and District

**Pipe Taken**—Theft of thirty feet of half-inch nickel-plated pipe was reported from Mount St. Mary Hospital yesterday.

**Cash Stolen**—A burglar who entered the Horse Shoe News Stand at 1231 Government Street through a rear door early yesterday morning stole \$10.00 from the till.

**Makes Complaint**—In a letter to the City Council, P. Leach complained of the condition of sidewalks on Hereward Road and Wilson Street.

**For Intoxication**—Convicted on a charge of being intoxicated on Blanshard Street, a man was fined \$25 in the city police court yesterday.

**Trial Continues**—Trial of Lee June, Tom Choy, Joe Kam and Chow How Chong on charges of possessing opium will be resumed in the city police court this morning.

**Woman Charged**—Theresa Bombardier appeared in the city police court yesterday on a charge of having failed to report as an enemy alien, and was remanded until this morning.

**Car Found**—An automobile stolen from G. Towers, Work Point Barracks, was found on Cormorant Street at 11:30 o'clock yesterday morning by Constable Douglas Bone.

**Poul Bay Squad**—The Poul Bay drill squad will hold a reorganization meeting in St. Matthew's Hall, Richmond Road, on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. All interested are cordially invited to attend.

**Conservatives Meet**—The annual meeting of Ward One Conservative Association will be held tonight at 8 o'clock in Room 104, Union Building, for the election of officers and delegates to the central executive.

**Accounts Passed**—Accounts totaling \$8,609.76 were passed at a meeting of the Esquimalt Council last night. This includes school board, \$3,526.38; general accounts, \$2,688.20; and November salaries and wages, \$2,395.18.

**Is Remanded**—Ronald McMillan, represented by Norman W. Whitaker, K.C., appeared again in the city police court yesterday on a charge of stealing a car from Harold Berge last Saturday. He was remanded until Friday for trial.

**Four Charged**—N. L. Maughn, C. Atterley, J. D. Morgan and S. Scott appeared in the city police court yesterday to a charge of stealing three pipes and a cigarette case from W. J. Clubb on December 11. They were remanded until this morning.

**Offer Not Sufficient**—An offer by J. Valo & Sons, Ltd., of \$150 for part of a lot on Esquimalt Road, near the Halfway House, was considered insufficient by the Esquimalt Council last night. Messrs. Valo will be notified that the council will accept \$250 as a fair offer.

**New Dwelling**—H. V. Wilkinson secured a \$3,800 city building permit yesterday to construct a five-room dwelling at 59 Lotus Avenue for Andrew Stewart. It will measure 44 by 32 feet with stucco exterior walls, fir and oak floors and no garage.

**Purchasing Methods**—A copy of "City Purchasing Methods" has been received at the City Hall from the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities. "Renting Cars for Police Use" and "Municipal Wage and Salary Schedules" are being prepared by the federation.

**Trades Council to Meet**—The Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council will hold the last meeting of the year tonight. In order to conduct a successful year of organizing effort, the officers of the council respectfully urge a full attendance of all delegates at this meeting.

**City's Temperatures**—Maximum and minimum temperatures recorded yesterday at the Dominion Meteorological Observatory on Gonzales Hill were 50 and 38 degrees, respectively. The maximum temperature observed on the grounds of the Strathcona Hotel was 53 degrees and the minimum 39 degrees.

**Considering K.C.'s**—Returned from Vancouver yesterday, Attorney-General G. S. Wisner said the Provincial Government would act shortly on the appointment of King's Counsel. The selection of British Columbia barristers to receive the distinction was still under advisement without decision taken, Mr. Wisner intimated.

**Open Extra Hours**—Liquor vendors' stores in Victoria and Vancouver will keep open extra hours on Monday and Tuesday of next week, W. F. Kennedy, liquor commissioner, said yesterday. The Victoria vendors' premises will remain open until 10 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, in connection with the Christmas shopping season.

**Under Local Improvement**—H. H. Allen reported to the Saanich Council last night that it would cost approximately \$5,400 to install a pump and reservoir on the south side of Mount Tolmie. This would provide water for lots owned by D. O. Cameron. Mr. Cameron may now apply to the council to have the work carried out under the local improvement plan.

**Women Volunteers**—Thursday practice of St. John Women's Ambulance Volunteers, under the direction of Mrs. Thorne, will be discontinued until after the New Year. Sessions will open again on January 9 in the Memorial Hall, Rockland Avenue entrance. Officials



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While War Lasts

OTTAWA, Dec. 17 (P.)—No more classes of gentlemen cadets will be entered into Royal Military College at Kingston, Ont., until after the war, National Defence headquarters announced today.

Accommodation and training facilities made available by the decision will be used to accommodate courses for about 150 officers, the announcement said.

Such courses will include a senior officers' course, a company commanders' course and probably a junior staff course. The two former courses will last about two months each, and the latter for about three months.

Two classes of gentlemen cadets now are at the college, one class of about fifty cadets graduates in June, next year, and the other class of about 100 cadets in June, 1942. Both these classes will remain at the college and complete their two years' course on the dates scheduled "unless war conditions should require an earlier graduation."

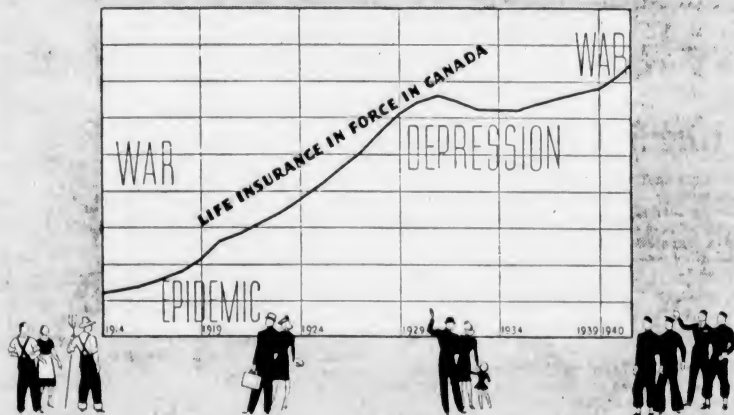
Library Service—The Saanich council last night received a communication from Miss Margaret Clay, librarian of the Victoria Public Library, with a copy of the agreement which will give municipal residents library rights. The agreement is similar to that in use in Oak Bay and the city. Miss Clay suggested that the service commence on January 2, 1941, and that Saanich be billed on the basis of \$2,500 to be adjusted on December 31, 1941, when the exact cost will be known. Six months' notice can be given by either party if it is desired to discontinue the service. Following the council meeting a special committee approved the agreement.

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## In Woman's Realm

### Clubs-Societies

#### First United W.M.S.

Mrs. H. A. McLeod and Mrs. W. O. Wilson were named honorary presidents of the First United Women's Missionary Society at the annual meeting held on Monday afternoon following the regular business session. Mrs. Ernest McGinnis was elected president; Mrs. F. W. Bowler, first vice-president; Mrs. A. Chisholm, second vice-president; Mrs. George R. Lippsey, third vice-president; Mrs. M. Craig, fourth vice-president; Mrs. D. Smith, recording secretary; Mrs. A. Latham, corresponding secretary; Mrs. N. Craig, treasurer; Mrs. Donald McAdie, assistant treasurer; Mrs. H. A. McLeod, finance; Mrs. M. L. McLellan, community friendship; Mrs. A. G. Todd, supply secretary; associate helpers and convener of circles, Mrs. J. G. MacFarlane; secretary of temperance and Christian citizenship, Mrs. A. Swainson; Missionary Monthly and World Friend, Mrs. A. Augustine; literature, Mrs. J. H. Schroeder; press, Mrs. O. A. Butters; pianist, Mrs. Lang; convener of hostesses for monthly meetings, Mrs. George R. Lippsey; C.O.T. representative, Mrs. E. McGinnis; Mission Band superintendent, Mrs. P. H. Herbert; Committee: Auditor, Mrs. Mitchell; programme, Mrs. W. O. Wilson; finance, Mrs. H. A. McLeod, Mrs. N. Craig, Mrs. J. H. Fletcher, Mrs. C. H. French and Miss A. Renny; social, Mesdames H. M. Wright, W. N. McKay, O. A. Butters, G. C. Dingwell, F. Patterson, J. H. Schroeder, R. W. Mayhew and James Petrie. Mrs. J. W. Bowler read the nominating committee report. Mrs. Mayhew presided at the business meeting, and Mrs. C. R. Wilson led the singing. Mrs. A. Chisholm was in charge of the programme, assisted by members of the Anne Wilson Auxiliary. On behalf of the members, Mrs. A. Swainson presented Mrs. Mayhew with a life membership as a token of esteem and appreciation for three years' leadership and devotion. Mrs. E. McGinnis reported that a new Mission Band had been formed, and she presented Mrs. F. H. Herbert with a life membership. Mrs. Mayhew announced that the Christmas open house will be held on Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Sunday school room for parents and friends of the Junior Sunday school children.

#### Benefit Association

The Women's Benefit Association met on Monday with Mrs. M. Stephens, the president, in the chair. Mrs. C. Matison, convener of the recent bazaar, reported a satisfactory supplementary sale had been held in the Public Market, with Mrs. F. Baillies and Mrs. S. McNeill assisting. The proceeds from the bazaar, which totaled \$100 and will be divided between the Spillane and Lord Mayor's Funds, Solarium Children's Aid and Sunshine Inn. The pioneer president, Mrs. Winter, reported a meeting held at the home of Mrs. McNeill, Christmas Eve. The next meeting will be held on January 17 at the home of Mrs. L. Thompson. The Girls' Club reported on its recent Christmas party and announced that election of officers will be held at the next meeting on January 8 at the home of Miss S. McAllister, 112 Cambridge Street. The business meeting was preceded by a Christmas party for the juniors and members' children.

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**St. Andrew's W.M.A.**

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church W.M.A. met on Monday, with the president, Mrs. F. W. Allott, in the chair. New officers for the year were nominated. Mrs. J. A. Kennedy conducted the devotional period. The speaker was Miss C. Brandon, secretary of the Dominion World Movement, who gave an address on "Christmas and the Missionary Church in the World of Today." She emphasized that these days of chaos and war did not bring the Christian missionary endeavour to an end, but rather brought a challenge for strong and steadfast missionary work.

**Native Daughters**

The monthly business meeting of members of the Native Daughters of British Columbia took place on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. J. A. Kennedy.

### Married Recently At Centennial



MR. AND MRS. ROY SIMMONS

WHOSE marriage took place at Centennial United Church recently. Before her marriage the bride was Thelma Pearl Flynn.

A sit-down supper was served, followed by a concert by the children. Taking part were Billy Gaetz, Margaret Cameron, Grant Strickland, Connie Hensen, Ilse Roskelley, Bobbie and Lorna Ritchie and Patricia Yeaman. Gifts for each child were presented from a decorated tree. The children presented the supervisor, Mrs. L. Gaetz, with a poinsettia plant. Ladies assisting in the afternoon and evening were Mesdames A. Ritchie, M. Burnett, A. Trousdale, A. Barracough, A. Malcolm and S. Cameron.

#### Golden Link W.M.S.

The Golden Link W.M.S. of First United Church met recently at the home of Mrs. W. J. Raitay, 1315 Franklin Terrace, the president, Mrs. J. A. Skellern, in the chair. The guest speaker, Mrs. Fuller, who has recently returned from China, gave a graphic description of conditions in Shanghai. The treasurer announced that the allocation of \$350 had been raised by freewill offerings. The election of officers resulted as follows: Honorary presidents, Mrs. H. A. McLeod and Mrs. W. O. Wilson; past president, Miss N. M. McKilligan; president, Mrs. J. A. Skellern; first vice-president, Mrs. W. S. Dawson; second vice-president, Mrs. Reid; treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Shaw; secretary, Miss P. Barbour; assistant secretary, Miss P. Barbour; pianist, Mrs. Cartwright; press secretary, Miss M. Simpson; finance committee, Miss M. Mitchell, Mrs. McKilligan and Mrs. Barnes; stewardship and community friendship, Miss I. Renwick; supply, Mrs. W. Wright, Mrs. A. T. Hunkin and Mrs. Crowther; temperance, Mrs. H. B. Bargison; Missionary Monthly, Miss B. Cuthbertson and Miss M. Brown; sick visitors, Mrs. W. Nasmith and Mrs. C. H. Bone; social, Miss McKay, Mrs. E. Boulton, Miss J. Watt and Miss E. More; Red Cross, Miss J. Raitay; circulate letters, Mrs. Cartwright; Miss H. Stewart, Miss Lethian and Miss Boulton.

#### Children's Aid

A meeting of the Women's Auxiliary to the Children's Aid Society was held on Monday afternoon in the Y.M.C.A. with the president, Mrs. J. T. Boulton, in the chair. Mrs. A. E. James, treasurer, read a satisfactory financial statement. Appreciation was expressed of the work undertaken by Miss L. Mene, of the Children's Aid staff, in the recent reception held at the staff rooms, Pandora Avenue, and also conveyed thanks to Mrs. George Kirkendale, Jr., and Mrs. Anderson for their assistance in arranging the display, also to Mrs. F. Pilgrim and her committee for the tea arrangements. Much satisfaction was expressed at the choice of Christmas gifts bought by the purchasing committee under Mrs. James. The members approved the purchase of needed equipment for the infants' home. Christmas cheques were received from the Women's Auxiliary to the U.C.T. and from the Order of Amaranth. Mrs. A. Brenden, mother at the receiving home, was welcomed at the meeting by Mrs. Boulton. Tea was served by Mrs. A. Bissell and Mrs. F. Pilgrim.

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Birks, tins each 17¢	Crossed fish, can each 19¢	
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PICKLES Happy-Valle Dills, No. 2 1/2 tins each 23¢		
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BISCUITS I.B.C. Assorted, 1-lb. Cellophane packages each 21¢		
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1-lb. Cellophane pkgs. each 20¢	Angelus, 1-lb. Cellophane pkgs. each 19¢	Mellway's 1-lb. boxes each 35¢
CAKES	CHRISTMAS CAKES	GRAPEFRUIT
Pineapple, light or dark fruit or Madeira each 25¢	Rich in fruit, light or dark; 5-lb. boxes each 69¢	JUICE—Smith Florida, 20-oz. can each 10¢
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PORTERHOUSE lb. 25¢	Shoulders Picnic style lb. 12¢

## SAFEWAY

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO LIMIT QUANTITIES

**First Baptist Union**  
The First Baptist Church Women's Union will meet in the ladies' parlor tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. The guest speaker, Mrs. T. Hammond, will take as her subject, "Christmas in Other Lands."  
No. 2, was held recently, with the chief factor, Miss Muriel Grech, presiding. It was decided to start a market to dispose of articles left over from the bazaar sometime in the Spring. The next meeting will be held on January 8, when a social will be held. The committee in charge of arrangements includes Mrs. J. Brown, Miss Allison Chow, Miss Lillian Smethurst and Miss Marjorie Gillies.  
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A short business meeting of the Women of the Moore, Victoria, Chapter No. 25, was held on Monday evening, after which a card social was held. Prizes were won by Mrs. R. Panting, Mrs. D'Arcy, Mr. T. Prior, Mr. N. Muckle, Miss Foxall and Mrs. A. Smith. The next meeting will be held on January 13 in the K. of P. Hall.  
**District Depot W.A.**  
The W.A. to the District Depot held its meeting recently at the home of Mrs. Eade, when the winner of the silver casserole was announced. Sergeant Bower being the lucky winner. The next meeting will be held on January 10 at 2 p.m., at the home of Mrs. P. E. Corby, 1417 Camosun Street.  
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The W.A. to Britannia Branch No. 7, Canadian Legion, will hold a cribbage and court whist social, also a turkey contest, in the clubrooms, View Street, tonight at 8 o'clock.  
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The bandaging committee of the Jubilee Hospital Junior W.A. will hold its next meeting on Thursday, January 9, at 10 a.m.  
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# Social Activities and Notes of Personal Interest

## Social and Personal

### Gifts in Stocking

Miss Mona Emery, a bride-to-be of the month, was surprised at her home, 1536 Gladstone Avenue, on Monday evening, when friends gathered to honor her with a shower of miscellaneous gifts. The Misses Kay Knott and Irene Scoble were in charge of the arrangements for the party. The many pretty gifts were presented in a huge Christmas stocking and Miss Emery also received a corsage bouquet of pink roses and forget-me-nots. Confections were played during the evening and refreshments were served later. The table, covered with a white crepe paper cloth with borders of poinsettias, was centered with white chrysanthemums in a glass bowl and lighted by red tapers in matching holders. The guests were Mesdames A. H. Hurdleby, W. F. Emery, B. Hipwood, R. Pittsmon, E. Emery, S. Trerise, R. Thomson, Emery, J. Stuart, G. A. Butler, R. Overden, R. L. Scoble, Misses Betty Paul, Thyrja and Thelma Gaetz, Florence Smith, Theo Tait, Jean Harwood, Marjorie Fraser, Helen Parker and Kay Henderson.

### Honored Bride-to-Be

Mrs. N. Plack and Miss Jean Newcomb were joint hostesses on Monday evening at a miscellaneous shower given in honor of Miss Irene Williams, a popular bride-to-be, at the home of Mrs. J. M. Newcomb, 918 Caledonia Avenue. A treasure chest trimmed with golden tones of crepe paper, surmounted by a corsage bouquet of white carnations and filled with the pretty and useful gifts, was presented to Miss Williams. Mrs. L. L. Shaw presided at supper. The table was prettily arranged with a silver basket of chrysanthemums in shades of old rose. The guests were Mesdames J. Williams, L. E. Robinson, R. L. Shaw, Harry Pope, J. M. Newcomb and Misses Lucy Robinson, Phyllis Williams, Eileen McCahey, Rhoda Foster, Verne Ferrier, Kay Daley, Eleanor Peden and Vidie Overden.

### Christmas Social

A most enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mrs. Frank Wood, 1540 Amphion Street, when she entertained the Servers' Guild of Christ Church Cathedral on Monday. Christmas decorations were used throughout the rooms and dancing and games were enjoyed. A sit-down supper was served. The guests were Mrs. W. A. Bridge, J. R. Pfe, Miss Alice Stone, Betty Curby, Sylvia Sheddick, Joan Gill, June Wood, Louise Lane, Edith Brown, Mesars. Jim Hall, Dirk Van Maanen, Eric Moon, Bert Quinlan, Bert Anderson, John Gill, Coulton Pottinger, Chris Howland and Bob Wood.

### Tea Hostesses

Mrs. Raymond H. Byers and Miss Patricia Young entertained at tea recently at the home of their mother, Mrs. J. J. Young, Central Saanich Road, in honor of Mrs. Neil Atkinson, who before her marriage was Miss Dorothy Wright. The gifts were presented in a decorated hope chest. Tea was served from a lace-covered table centered with rose pink chrysanthemums over which Mrs. A. Wright and Mrs. E. R. Atkinson presided. The invited guests were Mesdames A. Wright, E. R. Atkinson, J. J. Young, F. Wilson, T. T. Hutchinson, W. D. Mitchell, A. Hater, T. Mitchell, J. Whitley, E. A. Wickenden.

## Quality Christmas Gifts

15-Jewel Genuine Swiss Movement Ladies' Rectangular Gold-Filled Wrist Watches. Each \$16.50  
Ladies' Rectangular Chrome-Case Wrist Watches. Each \$7.50  
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Just arrived for the Christmas trade—a large shipment of MANTLE CLOCKS, all styles and patterns, including China Clocks, both electric and wind. From \$16.50 to \$35.00  
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Customer wants set of carving tools and a leather writing case.

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### Shower Held

In honor of Miss Daisy Henderson, whose marriage is to take place on December 27, a miscellaneous shower was held recently at the home of Miss Jean Dawson, Cedar Hill Road. The gifts were on a sleigh, which was decorated with red crepe paper. Those present were Mesdames T. G. Griffiths, H. R. Dawson, I. Dawson, C. F. Dawson, and Misses Edna Raper, Marjorie Griffiths, Eileen Lewis, Margaret Irvine, Bernice Lewis, Eileen Pound, Owen Griffiths, Marjorie Boornah, Edna Falkner and Barbara Dawson.

### Visiting Mother

Miss Gladys M. Arnold, Canadian Press staff writer at Ottawa, will spend the Christmas week with her mother, Mrs. A. Sutcliffe, 902 Arundel Drive. Miss Arnold, who served as Canadian Press correspondent in Paris during the first months of the war, and who left the Press capital twenty-four hours before the Germans arrived, last visited Victoria just about a year ago, when she addressed a meeting of the Women's Canadian Club at the Empress Hotel.

### Medical Officer Here

Coming here on a personal visit for a few days, Colonel R. Percy Wright, C.M.G., D.S.O., officer commanding No. 14 General Military Hospital, Montreal, arrived in the city by the afternoon boat yesterday. While in Victoria, Colonel Wright will be the guest of Madame R. C. Desrochers and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Harrington, 453 Oliver Street.

### Back From Convention

Dr. H. H. Murphy, director of the Louisa Todd department of radiology, Royal Jubilee Hospital, has returned from attending the annual convention of the Radiological Society of North America at Cleveland, Ohio.

### Here for Holidays

Miss Christine Baillie will arrive home today from Strathcona Lodge School, Shawanigan Lake, to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. D. M. Baillie, Carberry Gardens.

### Afternoon Hosts

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence C. Boyd, Beach Drive, were hosts at a cocktail party yesterday afternoon, when several visitors in Victoria were among the guests.

### Leaves for Ontario

Mr. J. H. Chant, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Fair, Despard Avenue, for some weeks, left yesterday for his home in Unionville, Ont.

### Ill in Hospital

Her many friends will be sorry to learn that Miss L. Ogilvie is a patient in the Jubilee Hospital.

### Leaves for Harrison

Mrs. W. Semeyn left yesterday by motor to spend a few days at Harrison Hot Springs.

### Change Address

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Melish have moved to residence at 3130 Balfour Avenue.

## Help to Entertain Children at Tea Party



Santa Claus and his helpers photographed just before entering the ballroom at the Empress Hotel on Saturday afternoon, where the annual children's Christmas tea was in progress. The helpers, members of Junior Auxiliary to St. Joseph's Hospital, under whose auspices the party was held, are from left to right, at the back: Miss Bernadette Colbert, the president; Miss Rhoda Goward, Miss Evelyn Hudson and Miss Joan Ruth Windau. Sitting on Santa Claus' lap is Miss Patricia Walsh, and sitting behind him is Miss Joan Hall. Seated on the floor are Mrs. Jennie Dunn (left), and Miss Gladwyn Beasley.

## Mrs. E. W. Hamber Spends Hour at Miniature Home

Distinguished Visitor Shows Evident Enjoyment in Detail of Dolls' House Now on Exhibition In Aid of Air-Raid Sufferers

Most distinguished of hundreds of visitors to the beautiful miniature home or dolls' house which has been placed on exhibition in the Union Building, at the corner of View and Government Streets, is Mrs. E. W. Hamber, who yesterday afternoon, accompanied by Mrs. Mae Rice, spent nearly an hour wandering through the charmingly furnished rooms, accompanied by the architect and interior decorator, Colonel L. E. Broome, who came down specially from Westholme.

The tour was compass-wise, starting in the kitchen, at the north end of the mansion, and terminating, after detailed examination of hall, dining-room and bedrooms, in the drawing-room, where the guests lingered for a few minutes round the daintily-appointed tea table, enjoying an imaginary cup of delicately-scented jasmine tea by the light from the glowing embers in the diminutive fireplace.

Mrs. Hamber was a most appreciative guest. In the kitchen she noted with special interest the tiny-craft represented in the manufacture of the infinitely small knives in the knifebox, knives fashioned from an old corset-steel, she was told; the little rolling pin, the shining copper saucers made from scrap-copper sheeting; the riveted hot-water tank, made from a broomstick.

### FURNISHINGS IN SCALE

In the dining-room she commented on the beautiful relative proportions of the furnishings; the table made from native wood sent from Pitcairn Island; the Duncan Phyfe chairs, made from working drawings of real chairs reduced twelve times, the medium being worked plastic simulating rosewood; the watch-mechanism fine clock-screw lying on the sideboard, made from a broomstick.

## Actress Is Visiting Here



MISS TALLULAH BANKHEAD  
Well-Known Actress, Photographed at "Journey's End," Where She Is the Guest of Mrs. M. Wingfield. In Her Arms Is Her Pekingese, Annie.

## Dickens Club Has Reading By President

Created principally by some ex-patriate-read chapters from "A Christmas Carol," there was a happy Dickensian atmosphere about the Christmas party held by the Dickens Club of Victoria, Monday night at its headquarters, 301 Union Building.

About fifty members attended and joined heartily in the informal singing of carols, several also contributing bits of information concerning Dickens, Dickens' haunts and Dickens' expressions. Captain Wilfrid Ord, the president, made the major contribution to the programme by reading from "Sketches by Boz," the "Family Christmas Party," and from "A Christmas Carol," first part depicting Scrooge as he was at the beginning of the story, and the final chapter, after his metamorphosis, when he had become "as good a friend, as good a master, as the good old city knew." These were very popular. In connection with the reading from "Sketches by Boz," Captain Ord reminded the meeting that the original pronunciation of "Boz" had the long "o" as in "nose," deriving from the nickname "Moses" given to one of the Dickens family.

This, during an epidemic of colds, became "Bozes" and was subsequently shortened to "Boz."

Another of the specially interesting details of the programme was the reading by Mrs. G. R. Thomson of an item from a London paper about the meeting of the "Pickwickians," a club which has been meeting in Borough for at least 100 years, and which has carried on all through the air raids, "although airplanes were upsetting in all directions, Messerschmitts were bolting and bombs were bursting."

The following carols were sung: Mrs. Dorothy White at the piano: "Silent Night," "Christmas Awake," "Good King Wenceslas," "The First Noel" and "While Shepherds Watched." Captain Ord extended special greetings to non-member visitors, including the president of the Kipling Society and, in the social hour following the programme, refreshments were served by a ladies' committee comprising Mrs. Jarvis Peacey (convener), Mrs. G. R. Thomson, Mrs. M. M. Beasley and several of the gentlemen who assisted with the serving.

### CATCH SOMEWHERE

The benevolent old man was trying to instill the spirit of ambition in an obviously unenthusiastic office boy. "My boy," he said, "do you know the secret of success in life?" "No, I don't," the lad replied.

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## I.O.D.E. Activities

### Ministering Chapter

At the meeting of the Bishop Cridge Ministering Chapter held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. M. M. Beasley, Beach Drive, the members stood in silent tribute to the late Rev. A. de B. Owen, instigator of the flower guild in aid of the Red Cross, and whose work in the last war and help and interest in I.O.D.E. activities, sparing neither time nor strength in serving soldiers, in many ways, has been appreciated by members of the chapter.

## Women's Institutes

### SOUTH SAANICH

The annual meeting of the South Saanich Institute will be held in the rooms tomorrow afternoon.

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## MARINE and TRANSPORTATION

## BIG TOLL OF SHIPS TAKEN

Admiralty Announces Loss Of 101,190 Tons of Shipping for One Week

LONDON, Dec. 17 (CP).—The Admiralty announced today 101,190 tons of British, Allied and neutral merchant shipping were sunk during the week ending December 8.

Nineteen British vessels totalling 86,740 tons, three Allied ships of 12,937 tons and one neutral vessel of 1,513 tons were lost during the period.

An authoritative source said "one bad day accounted for a good proportion" of the losses.

These losses made the average weekly loss since the beginning of the war 63,192 tons, exclusive of vessels lost in the removal of troops from Dunkerque.

The losses announced today were due to submarines, mines, bombs and surface raiders. Winter weather, with long nights, and the concentrating of many British warships in the Mediterranean were favorable to the attackers.

The total was roughly double the figure for the previous week and was the highest since the week of October 14-21, when 198,000 tons of merchant shipping went to the bottom.

## DROP CHARGES OF EXPLOSIVE

Dynamite Fails to Locate R.C.A.F. Plane Wreckage In Lake Muskoka

GRAVENHURST, Ont., Dec. 17 (CP).—Charges of dynamite were dropped into Lake Muskoka, 100 miles north of Toronto, today, in an attempt to find out definitely if two Royal Canadian Air Force training planes lie in its waters.

The charges exploded at a depth of 135 feet, but caused only slight boiling on the surface. No scraps of wreckage appeared. Bundles of dynamite and smoke sinks were dropped from a spot where an oil slick was noticed after the planes disappeared.

R.C.A.F. officers said they were sure the planes were in the lake that they had suspended the search from the air. All efforts now are being concentrated in locating the wreckage by boats. Dennis Coffey, Toronto deep-water diver, arrived

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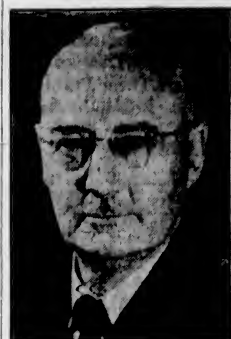
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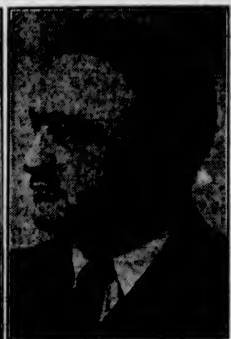
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## Changes in Personnel of the C.N. Railway



ROBERT CREELMAN



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W. E. DOBBS

Completing a railroad career that dates back to June 1, 1891—practically half a century—Robert Creelman, passenger traffic manager, Canadian National Railways, Western Region, retires from active service today, according to an announcement officially made yesterday by C. W. Johnston. Mr. Creelman, who is one of the most widely known passenger men on the continent, will be succeeded by Osborne Scott, formerly general passenger agent. Mr. Scott's position will be taken by Walter Dobbs, special passenger representative, Montreal.

here today and prepared to embark on the lake steamer Migdred for an exploratory trip before making a descent.

The skiffs carrying civilian and other searchers were forced to break through ice in their trips on the lake, where temperature had fallen to 10 degrees above zero.

The planes have been missing since Friday, when they failed to return from a search for a third R.C.A.F. plane, which later was found wrecked. Missing with the two machines are four airmen, L.A.C. W. R. Gosling, Edmonton; L.A.C. P. Campbell, Sussex, England; L.A.C. T. S. Bates, Guelph, Ont.; and Sgt. L. Francis, Glamorgan, Wales.

Officers from Camp Borden, from where the planes took off, are expected here tomorrow to open a court of inquiry on the accident. It will be in camera.

## OF BENEFIT TO WAR CHARITIES

Summer Collections of Skipper and Silk Hat Amount To \$20,000

OWEN SOUND, Ont., Dec. 17 (CP).—When Capt. J. A. Felker, Toronto, was awarded the traditional silk hat for bringing the first vessel into the Port of Port William last Spring, he laid the foundations of a fund which was to give \$20,000 to Canadian war charities.

Capt. Felker declined to accept the offer of Port William Board of Trade of a hat he could wear regularly. He took the old silk hat which had been on hand for formal presentation each Spring to the first skipper in port.

Then as he took his vessel, the Capt. C. D. Secord, up and down the Great Lakes during the next eight months, he literally passed the hat on every available occasion. Quarters and dollars were dropped.

In the meantime, R. A. Campbell, president of the Mohawk Navigation Company, owner of the Secord, said he would contribute \$4 for every one that went into the silk topper.

When Capt. Felker brought his ship into Owen Sound harbor a few days ago to tie her up for the Winter, the hat had become depository for \$399.

Chief Engineer John Gillis added another \$1 to round out the figure and then Mr. Campbell was reminded of his undertaking. With his \$1,600 added to the \$400, war charities benefit by \$2,000.

## Negotiating for Airplane Motors Stored in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 17 (CP).—It was learned today that the Canadian Government is negotiating for the purchase of sixty Wasp 1,100-horsepower airplane motors stored the last two years in a workshop of the Mexican Air Force.

Negotiations are understood to be in progress with Indulecio Prieto, representing the interests here of the defunct Spanish Republican Government. The motors originally were sent from the United States en route to Spain, but before the trans-shipment was effected the Spanish Civil War came to an end.

MAIL AND SHIPS

WEATHER REPORT

ESTEVAN—Rain: south-southeast, fresh, 20-22; 48; sea rough.  
LEWIS—Rain: south-southeast, strong, 20-22; heavy swell.  
PACIFIC—Rain: east, strong, 20-21; 48; moderate chop.  
OAKMANAK—Rain: east, moderate, 20-21; light swell.

COASTING CRAFT

VICTORIA-VANCOUVER—Sa. Princess Kathleen or Sa. Princess Margaret will leave Victoria daily for Vancouver at 3 p.m.; Sa. Princess Kathleen or Sa. Princess Margaret will arrive from Vancouver daily at 9:10 p.m. Sa. Princess Joan or Sa. Princess Elizabeth will leave Victoria daily at 12 midnight; Sa. Princess Joan or Sa. Princess Elizabeth will arrive from Vancouver daily at 7 a.m.

VICTORIA-BEATLE—Sa. Princess Kathleen or Sa. Princess Margaret will leave Victoria daily for Seattle at 4:30 p.m.; Sa. Princess Kathleen or Sa. Princess Margaret will arrive from Seattle daily at 1:15 p.m. Sa. Princess Joan or Sa. Princess Elizabeth will leave Victoria daily for Seattle at 1:15 p.m. Sa. Princess Joan or Sa. Princess Elizabeth will arrive from Seattle daily at 8:30 a.m.

VICTORIA-PORT ANGELES—Sa. Princess Kathleen or Sa. Princess Margaret will leave Victoria daily for Port Angeles at 9:10 a.m.; Sa. Princess Kathleen or Sa. Princess Margaret will arrive from Port Angeles daily at 1:15 p.m. Sa. Princess Joan or Sa. Princess Elizabeth will leave Victoria daily for Port Angeles at 1:15 p.m. Sa. Princess Joan or Sa. Princess Elizabeth will arrive from Port Angeles daily at 8:30 a.m.

SWARTZ BAY-EAST SPRING ISLAND—Sa. Princess Kathleen or Sa. Princess Margaret will leave Swartz Bay daily, except Wednesday, at 8:15 a.m. and 4 p.m.; Sa. Princess Joan or Sa. Princess Elizabeth will leave Swartz Bay daily, except Wednesday, at 8:15 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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## Final Figures Are Given on American League Bat Winners

DiMaggio's Brilliant Spurt During Final Month Gives Him Title—Boston and Tigers Tied For Team Batting Honors

CHICAGO, Dec. 17 (AP).—Baseball fans have known since the season's close that jolting Joe DiMaggio, of New York Yankees, won the 1940 American League batting championship, but the official circuit hitting averages, released today, provide some interesting data on how the big outfielder won his second straight hitting title.

He took the championship with an average of .352 in 152 games after a fine September performance, which saw him pass both Rip Radcliff, of St. Louis, who held the lead most of the season, and Luke Appling, Chicago White Sox shortstop. Appling finished with .348, good for second place, while Ted Williams, of Boston, slipped in ahead of Radcliff with .344 to Radcliff's .342.

DiMaggio, hitting brilliantly in the late season when pitchers normally are the toughest, also had the longest hitting streak of the year for the league, going through twenty-three games without getting the "horse-collar."

Among DiMaggio's 178 hits for the year were thirty-one home runs, one more than his 1939 total. He also had a total base figure of 318 and made twenty-eight doubles and nine triples. His batting mark of .352,

however, was twenty-nine points under the brilliant .381, which gave him the 1939 batting crown.

### CLUB BATTING

Boston and the pennant-winning Detroit Tigers tied for the club batting title at .286 with the Yankees at the bottom of the standings with a collective mark of .259. Two of Detroit's big guns were well up front in the individual race. Henry Greenberg and Barney McCosky each averaged .340 to tie for fifth place.

Greenberg, voted the league's most valuable player through a season in which he played the outfield after years at first base, took the honors for home runs, making forty-one. He also led in total bases with 384. Jimmy Fox, of Boston, was second in homers, with thirty-six, three Cardinals, cagette squad, and Young Dominos, smart intermediate "B" hoopers, continued their winning ways last night at the Victoria High School gymnasium. Cards turned back the younger Adverts, 41-13, while the Dominos eked out a 39-37 triumph over the Chinese Students.

Upset of the evening's three-game programme came at the very beginning when Y.M.C.A. cellar occupants in the junior section, defeated the Young Arrows, fourth-berth occupants, 25-22.

Held on even terms in the low-scoring first quarter, Cardinals made a run-away of their exhibition cage attraction with the Adverts. Cards pulled up at half-time with a ten-point advantage, and widened their margin to an even two dozen by the end of the third quarter. Final score was 41-13.

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Fred Corcoran, tournament manager for P.G.A., announced he would fly to Nassau on Friday to complete plans. The exhibition would be held at Nassau in March.

## CAGE LEADERS WIN FIXTURES

Cards and Young Dominos Triumph—"Y" Hoopers Defeat Arrows

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Joens pushed up twenty-two points, six more than their opponents.

**Y.M.C.A. TRIUMPHS**

A three-point margin gained in the first half, brought the Y.M.C.A. cagers through to a 25-22 victory over Cloverdale Aces. In the second and third periods the quintettes matched point for point, pushing up six in each section.

Referee, Zarak.

Line-ups and scorers:

Young Arrows—Earl 6, Hetherington 2, Rafferty 6, Carson 4, McArthur 4, Der, Mar and Kuwabara. Total, 22.

Y.M.C.A.—N. Baker 2, Narod 3, Harwood 6, H. Baker 1, Roberts 4, Wood 2, McKay 1 and Stewart 6. Total, 25.

Chinese Students—J. Mar 21, J. Chow 2, H. Chow 6, H. Cuns 4, H. Shun 4 and S. Soong. Total, 37.

Young Dominos—Province, Sprinkling 2, Long 6, Ball 7, Boock 3, Watson 9 and Peden 12. Total, 39.

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Boston Unleashes Powerful Attack in Final Period To Drive Through for 5-2 Victory—Cowley Gets Three Points—Second-Place Wings Beaten by New York Americans

### HOW THEY STAND

	W.	L.	D.	P.	Goals	Pts.
Toronto	13	3	0	52	29	26
Detroit	7	5	4	38	32	18
Boston	6	5	3	49	35	15
Chicago	5	7	3	31	38	13
Rangers	5	6	2	37	38	12
Canadiens	4	8	2	29	41	10
Americans	4	9	2	27	50	10

Last night's scores: Boston 5, Toronto 2; Americans 3, Detroit 2.

Next games: Thursday night, Americans at Detroit; Canadians at Chicago; Boston vs. Rangers; Saturday night, Americans at Toronto; Boston vs. Canadiens.

**BOSTON, Dec. 17 (CP).—**Boston Bruins stopped Toronto Maple Leafs' winning streak at eight straight games tonight and took over sole possession of third place in the National Hockey League standing at the same time by defeating the Leafs, 5-2.

Tied for third place with the idle Chicago Black Hawks before the start of the game, the Bruins unleashed a powerful third period attack that brought three goals and their first victory over the Leafs in three meetings this season.

It was only the third loss in sixteen games this season for the Leafs. They have won thirteen and lost only to New York Rangers and the Black Hawks, besides the Bruins.

Bruins took the lead early in the first period on a goal that was credited to Bill Cowley, although the puck actually went in off little Billy Taylor's stick.

Taylor, Leaf centre, made up for the goal in the second period when he scored the Leafs' first tally, but the Bruins went ahead again in the same session when Roy Conacher fired home a shot after Goalie Turk Broda had been caught out of his net.

In the third period the Bruins put the game away when Cowley got another goal, with Woody Dumart and Eddie Wiseman adding the other tallies. Henry (Hank) Goldup supplied the second Leaf goal in the fifteenth minute of the final session.

**Line-Ups**

Boston—Bremsek; Shewchuk, Dill, Clapper; Schmidt; Dumart; Bauer; Suba; Cowley, Conacher, Wiseman, Crawford, Smith, Jackson, Raredon, Hill, Hollett.

Toronto—Broda; Hamilton, Davidson; Apps; N. Metz, Drillon; Suba; Schirner, Taylor, Chisholm, Kampman, Stanowski, Goldup, Langelle, Marker.

Referee, Frank Clancy; linesman, Ag Smith.

**Summary**

First Period—1, Boston, Cowley, 4:21. No penalties.

Second Period—2, Toronto, Taylor, 4:40; 3, Boston, R. Conacher, 14:03. Penalty, Chisholm.

Third Period—4, Boston, Cowley (Jackson, Wiseman), 5:50; 5, Boston, Dumart (Bauer), 9:20; 6, Boston, Wiseman (Shewchuk, Cowley), 12:15; 7, Toronto, Goldup (Marker, Langelle), 14:37. No penalties.

**OVERTIME VICTORY**

**NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (CP).—**New York Americans scored a goal in overtime tonight to gain a 3-2 National Hockey League victory over Detroit Red Wings and hold themselves into a sixth-place tie in the standing with the idle Montreal Canadiens.

In a letter to Sports Promoter Mike Jacobs, of New York, President Frank L. Duggan, of the chamber, said the bout could be held in Forbes Field and the Pittsburgh district people have money to spend for a championship fight.

The fight has been tentatively scheduled for next June.

**Turkey Golf Winners**

More than eighty golfers took off in the recent turkey competition held at the Victoria Golf Club. The following were fortunate to win a "gobbler" each: W. Bowden, low gross, 79; R. Peachey, low net, 71; J. P. Paret, low net runner-up, 72; W. C. Merston, low net first nine holes, 32½; C. W. Pangman, low net second nine holes, 34½; A. H. Ford, hidden holes; J. D. D. Campbell and W. C. Todd, non-playing winners; E. D. Todd, J. C. Penney and C. R. Henley, consolation winners.

**ARMSTRONG IN DRAW**

**TORONTO, Dec. 17 (CP).—**Jackie (Spider) Armstrong, 125½, Toronto, fought an uphill battle to gain a draw with Bobby (Poison) Ivy, 127, of Hartford, Conn., in the ten-round feature bout of a boxing show here tonight.

The teams battled evenly all the way through the regulation sixty minutes. The first period was scoreless, the second ended in a 1-1 tie and the third period finished with the teams deadlocked at 2-2. The loss did not immediately endanger the Red Wings' hold on second place in the standing, as they have a three-point edge over the Boston Bruins, who won tonight over Toronto Maple Leafs.

The winning goal was scored in the sixth minute of the extra session by Tommy Anderson. In the second period Charlie Conacher scored for Americans while Gus Giesebrecht tallied for the Wings. Then, in the third session, Harvey (Busher) Jackson sent Americans ahead once again but Moders Bruneteau tied it up late in the period.

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**LENNON PACING COAST SCORERS**

VANCOUVER, Dec. 17 (AP)—Owen "Lulu" Lennon, Vancouver Lions sharpshooter, has a two-point lead in the Pacific Coast Hockey League's high-scoring race, according to official statistics released today by President Fred Taylor for games up to and including December 15, 1940.

Lennon has fired sixteen goals and is credited with five assists for a total of twenty-one points. Louis Holmes, Portland, recent holder of top position, dropped back to second place, having nine goals and ten assists, for nineteen points.

## LIONS BEAT PORTLANDERS

Vancouver Noses Out Buckaroos in Coast League Hockey, 2-1

VANCOUVER, Dec. 17 (AP)—Vancouver Lions drew to within two points of top place in the Pacific Coast Hockey League here tonight by taking a 2-1 decision from the Portland Buckaroos. All goals were scored in the last period.

Tight defensive work kept both teams scoreless during the first two periods, but Vancouver took the lead twenty-five seconds after the start of the third stanza, when young Rookie Jack Riley scored on Mark Maveety's pass.

The Lions made it 2-0 fourteen minutes later, Riley again flourishing in the scoring by slipping a pass to Veteran Tip O'Neill, who put the puck into the net.

The lone Portland score came fifty seconds before the end of the game, when Red Conn took Ronnie Martin's pass and slammed it past Percy Jackson to rob the Vancouver goalies of a shutout.

Line-ups: Vancouver—Jackson; Hutton, Deaux; Riley; O'Neill, Maveety. Subs: Gourlie, Labovitch, Lord. Portland—Hill; Conn, Sutherland; Dwyer; McPadden, Ripley. Subs: Martin, Ouellette, Martel.

Officials: Andy Moran and George Shooter.

## CHILDREN ENJOY CHRISTMAS TREE

Successful Party Is Sponsored by Civic Employees' Protective Association

Forty-eight children of ages ranging up to fourteen years received presents and favors from a huge decorated Christmas tree in the S.O.E. Hall last night. They were children of members of the Civic Employees' Protective Association, composed of the outside staff of the City Hall, which annually sponsors the affair.

Over 100 persons, including Mayor and Mrs. Andrew McGavin and Aldermen D. D. McTavish and Archie Wilby, were present. Mayor McGavin addressed the gathering briefly, expressing his pleasure at being present and wishing everyone the compliments of the season.

The entertainment consisted of a ventriloquist act by Joy Merriman and accordion numbers by A. D. Girlando and P. Denonie. Mrs. Stewart was pianist. A. E. Fraser, chairman of the committee, distributed the presents to the children, who received, in addition, candy, oranges, nuts and toy balloons.

Other members of the committee were R. Bette, R. Jackson, S. Osborne, Joseph Smith and E. Taylor. At the close of the evening, a buffet supper was served, Mrs. J. Chappel acting as caterer and hostess.

## ROOSEVELT PROPOSES TO LEND MATERIALS

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drive for greater armament efforts got into full swing, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox announced award of contracts for forty additional destroyers costing approximately \$253,384,875 and for an expansion of shipbuilding facilities at an estimated cost of \$830,000.

As to whether it was possible to speed up present war production, President Roosevelt said it depends entirely on the particular item involved and that the task was one of keeping at it.

**URGES GREATER SPEED**

Earlier, Secretary of Cordell Hull disclosed that he is counseling

## At the Theatres

### CAPITOL STARS TOPFLIGHT TRIO

Dorothy Lamour, Robert Preston and Preston Foster in "Moon Over Burma"

Co-starring a topnotch trio consisting of Dorothy Lamour, Robert Preston and Preston Foster, Paramount's new film dealing with fun in the tropics, will open today at the Capitol Theatre, entitled "Moon Over Burma."

Of course, there are dramatic moments in the story, too, for that matter. And Miss Lamour, who sings this time a couple of songs entitled "Moon Over Burma" and "Mexican Magic," expertly calculated and fitted into the story by Director Louis King, so that her fans will be delighted, just as they will be by her new short hair-do.

As for the narrative, it is mostly to do with the fact that the two boys are in the teak lumbering business, need money, and while borrowing it at Rangoon, meet Miss Lamour, an entertainer in a cafe. Subsequently all sorts of things happen along exciting and romantic lines. A cobra threatens Dorothy, there are a forest fire and a log jam—but mostly there are fast cracks and entertainment galore.

### STORY FEATURES COMPLICATIONS

"The Lady in Question" Co-Stars Brian Aherne and Rita Hayworth at Atlas

"The Lady in Question," which opens today at the Atlas Theatre, co-starring Brian Aherne and Rita Hayworth, tells of a lovely young woman, accused of a murder, who wins the sympathies of a middle-aged juror, so that he persuades his fellows to acquit her.

Later, in kindly beneficence he installs her in his bicycle shop and introduces her into his home. The man's wife jealously assumes the worst: the man's son falls in love with the girl; the man's daughter discovers her own "boy friend" enamored of "The Lady in Question," and, to add further complications, the shopkeeper is forced to hide his girl and her identity at various times.

**CADET** Allan Jones, singing theatre actor who is co-starring with Fred MacMurray and Madeleine Carroll in Para-

**SMITH BROS. COUGH DROPS**

**BLACK OR MENTHOL**

## defence-commissioners and other officials to greater effort in speeding up production and it was learned his advice was based on predictions of high American and British officials that a crucial phase of the war would come in the next three or four months.

From authoritative sources it was learned Hull had told defence commissioners and other officials that Britain probably would face a serious crisis next Spring and that it was imperative that present delivery schedules of United States war supplies be increased immediately.

Britain's need for additional merchant ships in which to transport war-supplies also was said to be receiving Hull's personal attention and that of other officials.

Not ruled out was the possibility that more destroyers such as the fifty transferred to Britain last Summer might be released.

The increased emphasis on war supply production momentarily overshadowed Britain's request for financial assistance.

## NEEDS FINANCIAL AID

The Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Morgenthau, was reported, however, to have told a House of Representatives appropriations committee that Sir Frederick Phillips, under-secretary of the British Treasury, had informed him that Britain could make no more commitments for purchase of war materials in the United States unless financial aid was extended.

Informed sources expressed the view that Britain's primary aim in seeking financial assistance at this time is to gain assurance that it would be forthcoming when the need becomes urgent.

Hull laid stress on what he termed American interests in discussing his own efforts to give momentum to the arms production drive.

Hull said he had laid the essential facts of the international situation before all responsible officials and made clear his own belief that the utmost effort in the production programme is required.

## BEST DEFENCE IS TO HELP

President Roosevelt, in opening his explanation of what he described as a brand new plan, said that in the present world situation there was absolutely no doubt in the minds of an overwhelming number of Americans that the best defence of the United States is to help Britain defend herself.

Aside from the natural interest in survival of democracy, he said, this was advisable for selfish reasons.

Asserting that he had read and heard a lot of nonsense about finances, he declared that no major war ever was won or lost through lack of finances.

## REPEAL NOT NECESSARY

Some persons, he said, had the idea of repealing the Neutrality and

## THIEF OF LAUNCH CHARGE DISMISSED

A charge against Rudolph Walter Muggil of stealing a gasoline launch valued at \$100 from Nelson R. Watkins at Galliano on November 3, was dismissed in County Court yesterday by Judge H. H. Shandley. M. B. Jackson, K.C., appeared for the Crown. Frederick C. Aubrey, Vancouver, represented Muggil.

Evidence disclosed that Muggil and Watkins had entered various partnerships over the ownership of second-hand launches and engines. Muggil took the boat owned by Watkins from Montague Harbor on a voyage to Ganges Harbor to see his wife, who was in the hospital. On his return he looted the vessel to a fishing craft. It broke away in a storm and was lost. Muggil contended previous partnership arrangements entitled him to use the vessel.

## AMUSEMENTS

On the Screen

Atlas—Brian Aherne in "The Lady in Question."

Capitol—"Honey Moon in Bali," with Madeleine Carroll.

Capitol—Dorothy Lamour in "Moon Over Burma."

Capitol—"Hullabaloo," with Frank Morgan.

Oak Bay—Robert Taylor in "Remember?"

Plaza—"They Came by Night," starring Will Fyffe.

Rio—Warner Baxter in "Slave Ship."

York—"One Night in Paris," featuring Judy Kelly.

mount's comedy romance, "Honey Moon in Bali," ending today at the Capitol Theatre, at one time operated a steam shovel in Eastern coal mines to finance his singing career.

**DOMINION** A collection of songs, theatre ranging from popular to operatic, will be heard in the new Frank Morgan comedy, "Hullabaloo," which is now showing at the Dominion Theatre. The songs include Stephen Foster's popular "I Dream of Jeanie With the Light Brown Hair," "A Handful of Stars," "Pagliacci" and "We've Come a Long Way Together."

**OAK BAY** Robert Taylor and Theatre Greer Garson with Lew Ayres in "Remember?" This is the season's most popular and timely romantic teaming of stars in a gay comedy of present-day married life, which ends today at the Oak Bay Theatre.

**PLAZA** Will Fyffe, who is theatre treating American audiences to his Scottish "burr" and his splendid acting once more in "They Came by Night," the Twentieth Century-Fox release currently on the screen of the Plaza Theatre, has had a varied career.

**RIO** In a mighty drama theatre storming with epic sweep over half the world, the last sailor sails on its last desperate voyage with mutiny red-dening the decks. "Twentieth Century-Fox's 'Slave Ship'" which ends today at the Rio Theatre, stars Warner Baxter and Wallace Beery in the sea picture.

**YORK** "One Night in Paris," theatre which is now showing at the York Theatre, is a highly dramatic story of backstage love-intrigue handled most ably by such cinema celebrities as John Lodge, Judy Kelly, Hugh Williams, Joan Marion and Wallace Geoffrey.

## DOMINION MAY IMPORT BUTTER

Stores in Canada Being Reduced Steadily With Rise in Price

OTTAWA, Dec. 17 (AP)—With the possibility ahead that Canada may need to import butter to bolster disappearing stocks, a spokesman of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board told The Canadian Press tonight it was felt any such importations should be under Government supervision.

Wholesale prices of No. 1 creamery butter solids were at 36 cents bid and 36.3-8 asked at Montreal.

Many suggestions have been made to the board that in case of a butter shortage the ban on importation of oleo-margarine now in force, should be lifted, but Hector McKinnon, chairman, said such a proposal had never been considered and the board believed Canada's needs should be met, if necessary, by importation of butter rather than oleo-margarine.

## ELIMINATING DOLLAR SIGN

What he was trying to do, he emphasized, was to eliminate the dollar sign in supplying Britain.

He cited an illustration—a man who lent a garden hose to a neighbor to put out a fire. The man wouldn't try to sell the hose to the neighbor, he said, but would let him use it and when the fire was out it would be returned. If it were damaged, naturally the neighbor would be expected to replace or repair it.

Asked whether the United States would carry the goods across the Atlantic, the President said it was only a detail as to what flag the transporting ships flew, thus indicating that he had in mind transferring the ships to the British flag.

The President referred to future British orders in outlining the plan, but said it was not possible to say now just how the plan would affect present orders.

This and many other details, including the exact method of transferring the materials, remain to be worked out, he explained.

On Capitol Hill, there was little immediate comment on the President's plan.

## STEADY PRICE ADVANCES

Butter prices have advanced steadily since August as storage statistics showed that increased domestic consumption and a falling off of production might wipe out Canada's diminishing surplus before heavy production set in again next May.

The December 1 holdover of butter was given by the Bureau of Statistics at 42,300,000 pounds, or approximately 7,000,000 pounds less than at December 1, 1939. Consumption has increased around 1,000,000 pounds a month.

If butter were imported from New Zealand the duty would be only 5 cents a pound and there would be no war exchange premium. It could be delivered to Toronto and Montreal markets profitably at present prices.

## YESTERDAY'S FIRE CALLS

**CITY**

11:50 a.m.—1219 Princess Avenue; chimney fire; no damage.

7:43 p.m.—2458 Forbes Street; chimney fire; no damage.

10:40 p.m.—Government and Herald Streets; chimney fire; no damage.

## NO NIGHT BASEBALL

DETROIT, Dec. 17 (AP)—Detroit Tigers, of the American League, will not play night baseball at home in 1941, it was announced today by President Walter O. Briggs. Early

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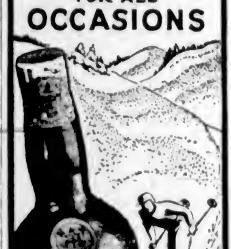
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In the 1940 season Briggs asked engineers to make an estimate on cost of installing lights at Briggs Stadium here.



# FINANCE - COMMERCE - MARKETS

## Stocks Continue Downward Slope On Wall Street

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (AP).—Stocks remained in control of the stock market today and composite prices declined for the third successive session.

While there was little real weakness in any part of the list, leaders tilted slightly downward from the start and small fractional recessions were well in the majority at the close. At the same time, there were a number of resistant spots and a wide assortment of issues that held to Monday's final marks.

A moderate pickup in volume was accounted for mainly by sizable blocks of low-priced stocks. These apparently were sold for the purpose of establishing year-end tax losses. United Corporation and United Gas Improvement turned over in blocks of 1,000 to 10,000 shares. The latter was off 1/2 at 9 1/2, a new year's low, and the former equaled its 1940 bottom at 1 1/2.

The Associated Press average of sixty stocks slipped 2 of a point at 416. Transfers amounted to 701,760 shares compared with 659,870 the day before.

International Agricultural Chemical preferred jumped 2 1/4 to 44, a new 1940 top, on revived hopes heavy arrears in dividends on this issue would be funded soon in a recapitalization plan.

On the advancing side were U.S. Steel, U.S. Rubber, Westinghouse, Loew's, Pennsylvania, Kennecott, Phelps Dodge and International Harvester.

Prominent on the lower drift were Bethlehem Steel, Youngstown Steel, Sears Roebuck, Goodyear, Consolidated Edison, American Smelting, Du Pont, Eastman Kodak, Texas Corporation, New York Central, Union Pacific, Johns-Manville, Union Carbide, Chrysler and General Motors.

### DOV JONES AVERAGES

Dow Jones closing averages were as follows:  
Thirty Industrials—130.53, off .54.  
Twenty rails—27.48, off .14.  
Twenty utilities—15.80, off .13.  
Total sales—700,000.

### Stocks and Bonds

Stocks	Bid	Asked
U.S. Steel	41 1/2	42
U.S. Rubber	44	44 1/2
Westinghouse	44 1/2	45
Loew's	44 1/2	45
Pennsylvania	44 1/2	45
Kennecott	44 1/2	45
Phelps Dodge	44 1/2	45
International Harvester	44 1/2	45
Bethlehem Steel	41 1/2	42
Youngstown Steel	41 1/2	42
Sears Roebuck	41 1/2	42
Goodyear	41 1/2	42
Consolidated Edison	41 1/2	42
American Smelting	41 1/2	42
Du Pont	41 1/2	42
Eastman Kodak	41 1/2	42
Texas Corporation	41 1/2	42
New York Central	41 1/2	42
Union Pacific	41 1/2	42
Johns-Manville	41 1/2	42
Union Carbide	41 1/2	42
Chrysler	41 1/2	42
General Motors	41 1/2	42

## WHAT'S DOING ON THE LOCAL RETAIL PRODUCE MARKET

Two new seasonal varieties of produce arrived on the Row yesterday, namely, Imperial Valley grapefruit and Bahamas tomatoes. Wholesalers report a quantity of Florida tangerines still available on the market. No more arrivals of these oranges are expected for the holiday. A small shipment of Texas spinach reached here yesterday. There is a little local spinach on hand, wholesalers stated.

Supplies of celery are arriving daily from California. An advance in price on sweet potatoes was reported by wholesalers yesterday.

## GRAIN MARKETS

Grain	Dec. 17	Dec. 16
Wheat, No. 1	1.15	1.14
Wheat, No. 2	1.14	1.13
Wheat, No. 3	1.13	1.12
Wheat, No. 4	1.12	1.11
Wheat, No. 5	1.11	1.10
Wheat, No. 6	1.10	1.09
Wheat, No. 7	1.09	1.08
Wheat, No. 8	1.08	1.07
Wheat, No. 9	1.07	1.06
Wheat, No. 10	1.06	1.05
Wheat, No. 11	1.05	1.04
Wheat, No. 12	1.04	1.03
Wheat, No. 13	1.03	1.02
Wheat, No. 14	1.02	1.01
Wheat, No. 15	1.01	1.00
Wheat, No. 16	1.00	0.99
Wheat, No. 17	0.99	0.98
Wheat, No. 18	0.98	0.97
Wheat, No. 19	0.97	0.96
Wheat, No. 20	0.96	0.95
Wheat, No. 21	0.95	0.94
Wheat, No. 22	0.94	0.93
Wheat, No. 23	0.93	0.92
Wheat, No. 24	0.92	0.91
Wheat, No. 25	0.91	0.90
Wheat, No. 26	0.90	0.89
Wheat, No. 27	0.89	0.88
Wheat, No. 28	0.88	0.87
Wheat, No. 29	0.87	0.86
Wheat, No. 30	0.86	0.85
Wheat, No. 31	0.85	0.84
Wheat, No. 32	0.84	0.83
Wheat, No. 33	0.83	0.82
Wheat, No. 34	0.82	0.81
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Wheat, No. 44	0.72	0.71
Wheat, No. 45	0.71	0.70
Wheat, No. 46	0.70	0.69
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Wheat, No. 97	0.19	0.18
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Wheat, No. 99	0.17	0.16
Wheat, No. 100	0.16	0.15

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## URGE SUPPORT FOR CAMPAIGN

Kiwanis Club Committee Has Received \$1,800 From Christmas Seals

Citizens of Victoria are responding well to the annual "Christmas Seal" campaign of the Kiwanis Club, it was announced yesterday. A total of 12,500 persons received the seals, while to date some \$1,800 has been returned. The club has set an objective of \$4,500 for the campaign. Officials said, however, that more returns will be forthcoming, and it is hoped to achieve the total set, in order that the work of rehabilitating those recuperating from tuberculosis will not be impeded.

Funds received by the Kiwanis Club from the sale of seals are used strictly for rehabilitation purposes, as the Provincial Government has taken control of preventive measures. An average of twelve patients is employed in the workshop, corner of Rupert Street and Fairfield Road, and the results of their labors are sold at the Kiwanis Crafts Shop on Fort Street.

Money from Christmas seals helps to pay the wages of the patients, while the proceeds from the sale of their work is used in keeping up the stock and maintenance of the workshop.

Donations for seals may be mailed to or left at the campaign headquarters, 1453 Douglas Street, the office of Walter Walker, Ltd.

### GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S MESSAGE

The Governor-General, His Excellency the Earl of Athlone, and the Princess Alice have issued a message in connection with the Christmas Seal campaign of the British Columbia Tuberculosis Society and its affiliated committees throughout Canada.

"At this time," His Excellencies wrote, "the battle against tuberculosis must be fought with redoubled energy, for its danger is greatly increased in the conditions brought about by the war."

"It is our privilege to make our first appeal on behalf of the Canadian Tuberculosis Association, and we ask all sections of the public to support this most worthy association in its fight against tuberculosis. It is a fight in which we are all engaged, whether we like it or not, for the measure of this deadly scourge hangs over all of us."

"We appeal to you, therefore, to buy Christmas Seals. By that means you can show your practical support for an association that is doing magnificent work to improve the health of the Canadian people."

### NO TIME TO READ

A detachment of Highlanders arrived in camp and the entry reported to the sergeant-major. "Excuse me, sir, but the pipers have come."

The R.B.M. looked up from his desk and snorted: "Don't you know there's a war on? I haven't time to read 'em now."

## "Devil's Work"

By CAROLYN WELLS

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### CHAPTER XLIV

Suzie was busy helping Austin and Haskeil search the books for the will, and Eame, left to herself, said she was going to her room for a nap. But when she left them, she did not go to her room at all. She went instead to Austin's room knowing that he was too interested in what he was doing to think of her.

She looked round the large, pleasant room, with its bath and dressing room.

"Fine family, these Forrests," she thought. "Wish I could belong to it. Only wish I can see it to marry Austin. But he's in love with Jean. To be sure, I won't Vivian away from Jean, but he was her husband—that's different. And Austin is a different sort."

"Oh, well, if I get my money on that note I've got in the safe deposit place, I won't want any of the Forrest family. I wish I felt more sure of that money—but I saw Vivian write that paper, and I saw him put it in the envelope, and I looked at it after it was inside; and then I sealed the envelope myself, and he never touched it again."

She wandered around Austin's room and on into his dressing room. She had no purpose; it was just ordinary curiosity. She opened the drawers and the chiffonier and the dresser, and found nothing of interest. She opened a wall cupboard and smiled to see the perfumes and powders there.

"I didn't know Austin was a fop," she thought. "I wonder if that lovely wave in his hair is permanent."

She poked among the bottles and boxes. Morphine was the label on a small box of tablets.

"Goodness!" thought the prying girl. "I believe all the Forrests take morphine! Must be a lot of insomnia in the family. Thank goodness I can sleep nights!"

"And what a lot of gadgets—atomizer, powder shaker, hypo—oh, Mr. Austin takes a shot now and then, does he? Well, they're not excessive drinkers, anyhow. Viv used to drink a lot, but he never showed any effects from it. Gee! I'd like a drink myself. This place is getting awful stale. I wonder if there's any concealed cheer about it."

She looked diligently, and finally discovered a small but well stocked cellophane. She helped herself, then went to her own room and went to sleep.

She didn't reappear until dinner time, and found the whole party lined up searching and ready to give up the hunt.

Only Suzie kept up her hope and energy. That enthusiastic young woman worked far into the night, after the others had gone to bed, but though she skimmed through hundreds of books she found no will.

Next morning, Suzie was quite ready to begin again, but she worked alone. Jean was in the nursery, Austin was busy with accounts, Haskeil declared he had struck and Sayre had gone fishing.

The trip to the safe deposit company was to be made, and Eame was in a state of excitement over it. They started off in the big car, Inspector

Eastman and Campbell, with Eame between them.

"You'll have to take me to my home first," Eame informed them, to get my key to the box."

"Haven't you it with you?" was Campbell's surprised query.

"No, but we can stop for it. It isn't far out of our way."

So they drove to the girl's home, on East Eighty-Sixth Street, very much east, and the inspector went with her to her room.

She was in the bathroom for some time, remedying the effects of the motor trip on her face, and Eastman tiptoed about, taking in everything in the bedroom and even opening dresser drawers.

He found nothing of interest except a small hypodermic needle. It was of an odd sort—he had never seen such a small one—and it was of silver, with a monogram of three letters on one side. Before he could decipher this, he heard Eame unlocking the bathroom door, and he softly closed the drawer and turned to greet her.

Always beautiful, she looked fresh and sparkling as a flower in the morning dew.

"You see, Mr. Eastman," she said, "as soon as I get my money, I want to go right to the bank and deposit it. And then I want to go to Mr. Campbell's office and make my will. Suppose we have a motor accident on the way back—anyhow, I want to make my will right away."

"Very well, if Mr. Campbell agrees."

"If not, then I'll go to some other lawyer. A very rich person must take proper precautions."

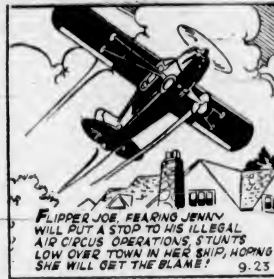
"Don't count your chickens—"

"What an odd sport you are! How can there be any difficulty? I saw Vivian write the paper. He put it in a plain envelope and gave it to me. The very next morning, I went and took a safe deposit box and put the paper in it myself."

"Very well, we'll soon see it." They drove to the safe deposit company's place, and Eame's heart beat fast with excitement. And small wonder! Not every day does one go and pick a fortune out of a box.

(To Be Continued)

## 'LYIN' JENNY



FLIPPER-JOE FEARING JENNY WILL PUT A STOP TO HIS ILLEGAL AIR CIRCUS OPERATIONS. STUNTS LOW OVER TOWN IN HER SHIP, HOPING SHE WILL GET THE BLAME! 9-23



WHY THAT DEADLY SHOW-OFF! BETTER GET HIS LICENSE NUMBER! HEY! THAT'S MY GUP!



HAW! GUESS THAT FIXED JENNY DARE AND HER 'INSPECTOR'S JOB! BET 'TA' TELEPHONE LINES ARE HOT WITH COMPLAINTS!



THE AIRPORT! QUICK!

## MUTT AND JEFF



LISTEN, OUR ACT IS GOOD! WE PLAYED IN THIRTY THEATRES AND THEY ALWAYS BOOKED US FOR AT LEAST A WEEK!



FIRST NIGHT! WHAT A COUPLE OF HAMS! WHEN YOU WALKED OUT THE WHOLE AUDIENCE WALKED OUT! YOU'RE FIRED!



ALL RIGHT! GIVE US OUR NIGHTS PAY! WE'LL GO!



NIGHTS PAY? YOU'LL GET NO NIGHTS PAY OUT OF ME!

## MARY WORTH'S FAMILY



THE NAME IS LEONA, SLIM! AND, AS FOR THE FLOWERS, THEY'RE A VERY SLIGHT INSTALLMENT ON WHAT I OWE YOU!



IT WAS NICE OF YOU TO BRING THE FLOWERS, MRS. BLACKSTON!



WHEN YOU SAVED MY HUSBAND'S LIFE, YOU MADE ME YOUR DEBTOR, FOREVER, SLIM!

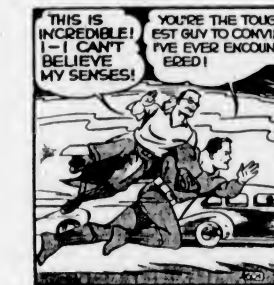


THE MUTUAL APPRECIATION SOCIETY WILL NOW ADJOURN! TELL ME—WERE YOU SURPRISED WHEN YOU FIRST CAME TO?

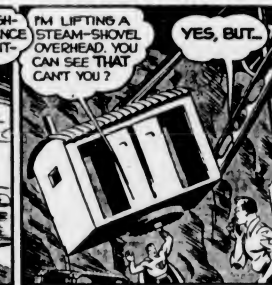
## SUPERMAN

It Can Be Done!

By Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster



THIS IS INCREDIBLE! I—I CAN'T BELIEVE MY SENSES!



YOU'RE THE TOUGH-EST GUY TO CONVINCE I'VE EVER ENCOUNTERED!



I'M LIFTING A STEAM-SHOVEL OVERHEAD! YOU CAN SEE THAT CAN'T YOU?



YES, BUT—

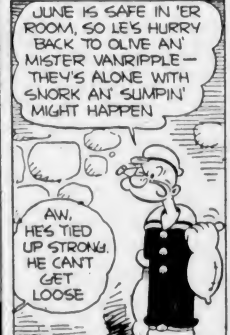
## POPEYE



POPEYE AND CASTOR HAVE BEEN GONE FOR SOME TIME



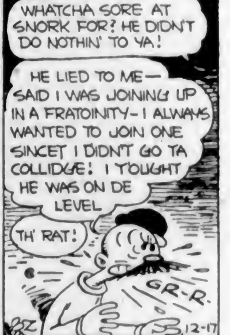
I'M WORRIED! I DON'T LIKE IT DOWN HERE IN 'THIS DAMP TUNNEL—IT'S SO SPOOKY!



I HOPE THEY FOUND MY DAUGHTER



THERE'S NOTHING TO BE WORRIED ABOUT—SNOOK IS TIED UP AND THEY SHOULD BE BACK ANY MINUTE



JUNE IS SAFE IN 'ER ROOM, SO LET'S HURRY BACK TO OLIVE AN' MISTER VANRIPPLE—THEY'S ALONE WITH SNOOK AN' 'SLIMPIN' MIGHT HAPPEN

## POP

Pop Misses the Point

By J. Millar Watt



I SUPPOSE IF I WERE TO DIE YOU'D MARRY AGAIN IMMEDIATELY!



OH, NO!



I'D TAKE A LITTLE REST FIRST!

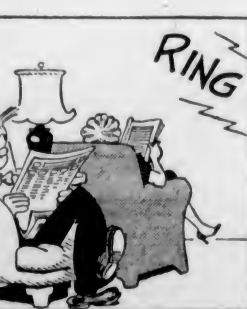
## BLONDIE

She's Got His Number, Too

By Chic Young



THERE'S THE TELEPHONE DEAR



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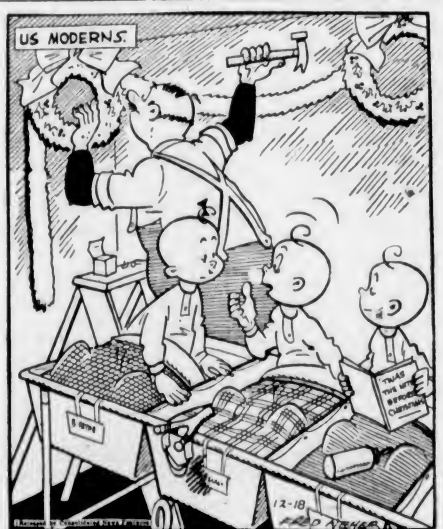


THE TELEPHONE IS RINGING DAGWOOD



SHE WORKED THAT PERFECTLY

## LIFE'S LIKE THAT - By Fred Neher



US MODERNS:



"Christmas? ... What's that?"













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**BIHAR HAND-MADE INDIAN TABLE COVERS**—Size 36 x 36 inches. **\$1.00**

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**KASHMIR CREWEL WORK TABLE RUNNERS**—Size 12 x 36 and 12 x 40 inches. **\$1.25** and **\$1.45**

**CUSHION COVERS**—20 x 20 inches, of striped drapery **\$1.49**

**BIHAR HAND-LOOMED TABLE COVERS**—45 x 45 inches. **\$1.50**

**RUFFLED MARQUETTE CURTAINS**—42 inches wide, 2 1/2 yards long. **\$1.75**

**CUSHIONS** in an assortment of shapes and covers. A large group. **\$1.95**

**TAPESTRY TABLE COVERS**—58 x 58 inches. **\$1.95**

**FILET NET LACE CURTAINS**—36 inches wide and 2 1/2 yards long. Ivory or ecru. A pair **\$1.95**

**CAR RUGS**—In plaid designs, light and dark colorings. Fringed ends. Ideal also for couch throws. Each **\$2.98**

**TAPESTRY TABLE COVERS**—60 x 75 inches. **\$3.50**

**CUSHIONS**—Large size. Beautiful colorings. Each **\$3.50**

**COUCH TROWS**—Of Indian Bihar hand-loomed fabrics: 2 yards x 2 1/2 yards. Various colorings; 6 feet x 6 feet **\$4.95**

—Drapery Dept., 2nd Floor

### GIFTS IN THE CARPET DEPT.

**KASHMIR NUMDAH MATS**—15 x 36 inches. **\$1.95**

**WASHABLE ART RUGS**—24 x 48 inches. Choice of mauve, green, rose and black. Each **\$2.50**

**AXMINSTER HEARTH RUGS**—24 x 45 inches. **\$3.95**

**REVERSIBLE WOOL RUGS**—With plain color centre and floral ends. Size 24 x 49 inches. **\$3.95**

**BISSELLS CARPET SWEEPERS**—An ever popular gift. Priced from **\$4.50**

**AXMINSTER HEARTH RUGS**—27 x 54 inches. A selection of designs. **\$4.95**

—Rugs, 2nd Floor

### GIFT TOWELS

**FANCY TOWEL SETS**—White with fancy borders and designs. Also in plain pastel shades with matching face cloths. All ribbon tied in Cellophane or in fancy gift box. A set **\$1.00 to \$3.75**

—Staple Dept., Main Floor

### MEN'S FURNISHINGS

**MEN'S REEFER SCARVES**—Silk or cashmere, with fringed ends. A choice of colors. **\$1.00 to \$4.50**

**WHITE REEFER SCARVES**—With fringed ends or hemstitched. **\$1.00 to \$4.50**

**MEN'S IRISH LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS**—Hemstitched or initialed. Each **3 for \$1.00**

**EXTRA FINE LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS**—Each **2 for \$1.00**

**GENUINE LEATHER BELTS**—With initial buckle. Choice of colors. **\$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.50**

**GENUINE LEATHER BELTS**—With toggle buckle. Black, tan or grey. **50c and \$1.00**

**HANDKERCHIEF AND TIE SETS**—Fancy patterns. Assorted colors. **\$1.00**

**MEN'S FREE-SWING BRACES**—Fancy colors. **\$1.00**

**WIDE ELASTIC BRACES**—Leather or silk ends. A pair **\$1.00**

**GIFT SETS**—Braces and Garters, in gift box. **\$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00**

**GIFT SETS**—Garters and Arm Bands, in gift box. **55c, 75c, \$1.00**

**ALL-WOOL DRESS SOCKS**—Standard brands, fancy designs or fine ribbed heater mixtures. A pair **55c**

**WOOL DRESS SOCKS**—Imported or Canadian makes. Fancy patterns and two tones. All sizes. **75c, \$1.00, \$1.50**

**BOTANY WOOL SOCKS**—Various weights and colors. **\$1.95, \$2.50**

**ALL-WOOL SWEATER COATS**—Zipper fastened. Two tones and plain colors. V neck or Johnny collar and two pockets. **\$4.95**

**SLEEVELESS VESTS**—With zipper front and two pockets. Assorted colors; fancy stitch. **\$2.95**

**MEN'S HATS**—Each **\$4.00**

Kensington Hats. Hats in several smart styles and shades. Excellent grade. Lined and well finished. **—Men's Hats, Main Floor**

### IN THE BOYS' STORE

**AIR FORCE SUITS**—Coat, cap and long pants, for 2 to 8 years. **\$4.95**

**AIR FORCE COATS WITH CAPS**—Air Force blue. Double-breasted coat, shoulder tabs and wings on sleeves. Sizes 22 to 36. **\$4.95**

**COWBOY SUITS** of two-tone suede leather. Brown, blue, red, grey. Fancy trimming. Vest and chaps. Sizes 4 to 10 years. **\$1.95**

**DRESSING GOWNS** of beacon cloth. Sizes 26 to 36. Each **\$2.50**

**MELTON CLOTH WINDBREAKERS**—With full-length zipper and three pockets. Heavy checked wool cloth. Sizes 24 to 36. **\$3.95**

**GIFTS IN THE "WEILER" STORE**

Vases, Flower Bowls, Cups and Saucers, Cake Plates, Teapots, Lily Bowls, Crystal Bells, Set of Wine Glasses, Coffee Set, Bridge Set, Cake Set **\$1.00 to \$2.00**

**Jardiniere, Salad Bowls, Sandwich Plates, Chop Plates, Book Ends, Water Sets, Morning Sets, China Figures, Table Mirrors, Moorcroft Bowls, Large Christmas Candles** **\$2.50 to \$3.50**

**Cocktail Sets, Crystal Swans, Mirrors, Toby Jug, Plaques, Crystal Boxes, China Cake Plates, Wine Sets, Decanters, Animal Figures, Crystal Candlesticks** **\$4.50 to \$5.00**

—Weiler Store, Government Street

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### What Today Means

#### "SAGITTARIUS"

If December 18 is your birthday, the best hours for you on this date are from 8:45 to 10:45 a.m., from 2:45 to 4:45 p.m. and from 8:45 to 10:45 p.m. The danger periods are from 6:45 to 8:45 a.m.; from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. and from 10:45 p.m. until midnight. Do not depend too much on your

memory on December 18 especially when keeping track of financial expenditures. Requests may receive far more consideration than demands for the spirit of contrition. It really arouses when the average person gets the impression that an attempt is being made to force him into doing something. Repetition will be irksome on this date, arousing much resentment. This is a day when individual characteristics and peculiarities are likely to crop out, so if you are aware that you possess any unpleasant ones

keep them under control. You will have to be resourceful on this date if you expect to meet unusual demands in a satisfactory manner. Married and engaged couples, and those discussing their matrimonial possibilities, must be careful not to make other people uncomfortable by restricting their conversation strictly to their personal affairs.

If a woman and December 18 is your birthday, keep your eyes open on this date and you may be pleasantly surprised at the results of your observance. Do not be too

matter-of-fact on December 18, for a little sentiment can work miracles, and through the use of your imagination the world may take on a decidedly rose-colored hue. Social activities on this date may lead to some very pleasant experiences, and contact with someone you have been anxious to see. Through your ability to use your eyes and hands advantageously you should make a fine sculptor, artist, architect, interior decorator, demonstrator, dietitian, trained nurse, doctor, labora-

tory research worker, modiste, stenographer, actress or newspaper woman. As a married woman your social aspirations and dreams for financial security are likely to be realized.

The child born on December 18 needs the congenial companionship of children of its own age if it is to develop into a perfectly happy, normal, active youngster. It is a mistake to the children, born on this date, to their mother's apron strings. If a man and December 18 is your

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### CROSBY'S EARNINGS MAKE HUGE SUM

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 17 (AP)—Bing Crosby has a new three-year contract with Paramount Studios calling for nine motion pictures at \$175,000 each. In addition, a studio announcement said, the crooning actor has a five-year phonograph record contract that brings him \$50,000 a year and a radio contract that pays him \$200,000 annually.

### COMMUNISTS ARRESTED

VICHY, France, Dec. 17 (AP)—In a round-up of Communist suspects in the area around Lyon, police arrested 114 persons charged with distributing Communist tracts.